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To

THE PRAYER GROUPS "SCATTERED ABROAD
UPON THE FACE OF THE WHOLE EARTH"
THIS LITTLE VOLUME IS AFFECTIONATELY
DEDICATED

"For all things are for your sakes that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God."

2 Corinthians 4: 15

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INTRODUCTION

1 Chronicles 21: 1-14

And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel. And David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, Go, number Israel from Beer-sheba even to Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that I may know it. And Joab answered, The Lord make his people an hundred times so many more as they be; but, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? why then doth my lord require this thing, why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel? Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Wherefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem. And Joab gave the sum of the numbers of the people unto David. And all they of Israel were a thousand thousand and an hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Judah was four hundred threescore and ten thousand men that drew sword. But Levi and Benjamin counted he not among them: for the king's word was abominable to Joab. And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he smote Israel. And David said unto God, I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing: but now, I beseech thee, do away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly. And the Lord spake unto Gad, David's seer, saying, Go and tell David, saying, Thus saith the Lord, I offer thee three things: choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee. So Gad came to David, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Choose thee Either three years' famine; or three months to be destroyed before thy foes, while that the sword of thine enemies overtaketh thee; or else three days the sword of the Lord, even the pestilence, in the land, and the angel of the Lord destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel. Now therefore advise thyself what word I shall bring again to him that sent me. And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall now into the hand of the Lord; for very great are his mercies: but let me not fall into the hand of man. So the Lord sent pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men.

FOREWORD

This book is a continuation of what might well be called "A River of Life," having tributaries extending over all the world, carrying refreshment to weary spirits, and stimulating to fresh endeavour. Its predecessor, *Revival in Romance and Realism,* met with enthusiastic reception from all parts of the globe, as the handful of extracts from reviewers herewith submitted abundantly bears witness to:

"Adventures of faith are recorded with the glory given to the One to whom it belongs."—*New Zealand Reaper.*

"Most books on prayer are devotional in character, but this stresses the practical note in the form of 'answers.' "—*Public Opinion,* Britain.

"Pentecost is recalled as one reads again of the Shanghai Revival in 1925, and of the spread of the revival spirit throughout the world without human organization."—*China Fundamentalist,* Shanghai.

"It rests upon the Word of God, the practice of believing prayer, dependence upon the Holy Spirit, and commonsense and practical planning. A good combination."—*Expositor & Homiletic Review,* U. S. A.

"On and on moved the cloudy pillar, leading Mrs. Woods especially in the republication of several choice books . . . propagating a Movement that knows neither plan nor pledge, but only the Spirit's breathing through the living Word into the listening hearts of believers."—*Sunday School Times,* Philadelphia.

"As a result of the distribution of the books the supreme importance of the place the Holy Spirit occupies in God's plan for reaching the multitudes has come as a revelation to thousands. We believe that the witness this book bears to the faithfulness of God will lead many into more fruitful service for Him."—*Life of Faith,* London, England.

"It proves beyond question of doubt the energizing power of prayer."—*Christian Advocate,* New York, N. Y.

Mrs. J. L. Van Ornum, Clayton, Missouri: "The appreciations of your book *Revival Romance and Realism* must give you great joy and thankfulness. It is really a marvelous thing that any

book should receive commendation from such widely-scattered and different sources. So my eye lights upon each notice with the increasing recognition—'He worketh' in answer to prayer."

THE WORD OF GOD, THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND PRAYER

are the trinity of factors that make living and powerful the witness and testimony of all our literature.

Long years ago, I read these words, and they registered an indelible impression: "Prayer is good, the habit of prayer is better, the spirit of prayer is best of all." Pray without ceasing—Praying in the Holy Ghost."

Evangelist Charles Finney said: "Unless I had the spirit of prayer I could do nothing. If even for a day or an hour I lost the spirit of grace and supplication, I found myself unable to preach with power and efficiency, or to win souls by personal conversation."

THE WORLD WIDE REVIVAL PRAYER MOVEMENT—ITS PURPOSE

PLANKS IN THE PLATFORM

To unite all who believingly pray for this blessing, and to add such as shall catch the vision.

The Name of the LORD a strong tower. Proverbs 18: 10.

I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what He will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Habakkuk 2: 1, 2, 3.

THE PETITION

Wilt Thou not revive us again: that Thy people may rejoice in Thee? Psalm 85: 6.

That men may know that Thou, whose name alone is Jehovah, art the Most High over all the earth. Psalm 83: 18.

THE PREPARATION ON OUR PART

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in Mine house and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts.

THE PROMISE ON HIS PART

I will open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And all nations shall call you blessed for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of Hosts. Malachi 3: 10-12.

THE PROSPECT

And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty,

and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am the Lord your God and none else. Joel 2: 25, 26, 27.

THE POSITION

And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us. And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desire of Him. 1 John 5: 14, 15.

God is not a man that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent: hath He said and shall He not do it? or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good? Numbers 23: 19.

The testimonies given in this small booklet have been selected from thousands of others with a view to showing how widespread is the desire for Revival and also the expectancy of soon witnessing another demonstration of Holy Ghost power. We lay claim to no credit. The greatest thrill of my life was experienced when I read—"Adventures of faith are recorded with the glory given to the One to whom it belongs," a sentence in the review of *Revival in Romance and Realism.* Our one desire is that the same may be true of *Preparing the Way.* "We have this treasure (the Holy Spirit) in earthern vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us." 2 Cor. 4: 7.

THE BOOK

A noted orator asked Dickens for the most pathetic story in literature, and he said it was that of the prodigal son. Mr. Coleridge was asked for the richest passage in literature, and he said it was the first sixteen verses of the fifth chapter of Matthew. Another asked Daniel Webster for the greatest legal digest, and he replied that it was the Sermon on the Mount. No one has equalled Moses for law, nor David for poetry, nor Isaiah for visions, nor Jesus for ethics, nor Peter for holy zeal, nor Apollos for fiery oratory, nor Paul for logic, nor John's statements of sanctified love. What a ridiculous statement that to study the Bible "marks a step backward in education!" God's Word is the very greatest of all books, and its Author the very greatest of all teachers. We do well to stay close to its pages. It is THE BOOK.

WHAT IS REVIVAL?

"What Is Revival? Stripped of the accretions which have gathered round the word through the law of association, revival, in its essence, is the OUTFLOW OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD THROUGH THE REGENERATED SPIRIT OF MAN. The supreme work of the Holy Spirit is to bear witness to Christ, to magnify and exalt Him, and to press His claims upon those for whom He died. The purpose of His indwelling the spirit of the believer is that He may have an instrument through which He can bear witness to the world: 'Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me. . . .' (Acts 1: 8.) May it not be that one of the hindrances to the coming of real revival is the fact that many of God's people have a wrong conception of what the word actually stands for? 'Revival' is not an outward thing but an inward thing, a thing of the spirit. It is not something that can be arranged for, as an evangelistic mission may be. It is not something that will come by the will of man, or the ordering of many—though it is not an unusual thing in these days to see 'Revival Meetings' advertised in large letters. The true Spirit of revival eludes the grasp of the organizer and the advertiser, for it is nothing less than the Holy Spirit of God, flowing out through the regenerated, separated spirits of any of His children who are in such close fellowship and communion with Him as to make this possible. 'Revival,' therefore, is not something for an occasion, or for one generation more than another, for so long as there are upon the earth members of the Body of Christ, with the Spirit of Christ abiding in their spirits, so long is there the need, and the possibility, of the quickening power that of that blessed Spirit flowing out through those members of Christ to needy souls around them. 'Revival is the outflow of the Spirit of God through the regenerated spirit of man.' Can we say we never see it? Is it not rather that when God moves upon the waters, His people do not recognize that 'this is that'—this is the answer to their cry for revival? These are the first drops of the showers which will follow if the conditions on the human side are fulfilled."

MRS. JESSIE PENN-LEWIS in *The Overcomer.*

CHAPTER I

AND IT CAME TO PASS IN THE PROCESS OF TIME

EXODUS 2: 23

The World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement is no "flash in the pan," nor does it come under the term "mushroom growth." For many years my mind had been stirred to a consideration of a remedy for the growing coldness and lack of fruitfulness in the Church of which I was a member. In the early years of this century it was a custom to make a yearly pilgrimage to Northfield, usually at the time of the Christian Workers' Convention. It was in the summer of 1909 that there appeared among the guests at the Northfield Hotel a man and wife, unmistakably foreigners; and we learned that these people were Russians, Baron and Baroness U. It was a surprise when the Baroness singled me out as her companion, especially when walking to and from the Tabernacle, which was situated about a mile from the hotel. During these quiet chats she sorrowfully confided their keen disappointment with the conditions prevailing among Christians in the different countries visited en route to the States, and in this great Christian (?) land. As nearly as memory serves, their story was this: Their estate in Russia was immense and required the services of hundreds of serfs, whose lot was not enviable but strictly fair in the sight of these aristocrats, who knew no other condition. To their consternation they learned that large numbers of their underlings were attending evangelical services conducted at some distance from the Castle, and what was far worse many were finding Jesus Christ as their personal friend and Saviour. All of this was utterly outside the scheme so long followed. One evening the Baron, bent upon breaking up the meeting and effectually stopping such nonsense, literally "breathing out threatenings and slaughter," determined upon a personal visit to the place where congregated many of his slaves —for this was practically what he considered them to be. As he drew near the gathering of worshipers he became conscious of a strange feeling creeping over his wrathful spirit, and coming within the sound of the gospel as the speaker presented the all-sufficient sacrifice of Calvary for the liberation of sin-sick souls,

he was compelled to listen, and listening believed and went home a man changed by the power of the Cross. More troubles awaited him, for his wife, like Paul of old, being ignorant of the true way opposed and persecuted him. Finally the meekness and love he manifested, so different from former days, convinced her of the sincerity of his profession and led to her acceptance of the same wonderful Sin-Bearer. In their new-found joy, seeking to have fellowship with the saints of other lands, they set out upon an extensive trip, which included the most prominent Christian centers. But with one exception, as the Baroness sorrowfully confessed, all failed to measure up to the expectancy of these new-born babes, and this their present place of investigation left them still seeking for something higher and more in accord with Scriptural desire.

The following year, 1910, early March, I first crossed the Atlantic for an extensive visit to the Continent and Europe. My traveling companion, a Boston artist well acquainted with conditions abroad, seemed in every respect a most desirable traveling companion—known to me for many years, a member of a prominent Baptist church—but lately interested in "New Thought." Little did I suspect the wide departure from conservative Christianity, but very soon any idea that we were likeminded concerning the fundamentals was entirely removed. A very poor sailor, it was necessary for me to remain quietly in my cabin most of the time. I was liberally supplied with reading matter, much of it the product of the pen of the popular writer, Ella Wheeler Wilcox. One of the poems began, "So many gods, so many creeds, so many ways that wind and wind . . ." After a time my friend inquired, "What do you think of Ella Wheeler Wilcox's writings?"

I answered, "She writes very interestingly, but I miss the note of definite evangelism in any of her poems."

When she inquired further as to just what I alluded, I replied that there was no mention of the sacrificial death of Christ, upon which all our hope rested.

Very gently she said that she too once felt the same way I did, but had been shown a better way she believed.

But I still objected. "We are told that without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin."

"I never did understand the meaning of that, my dear. One

thing I do know, we are both of the same mind concerning the essential things." The hall mark of all cultists is that of seemingly "agreeing with their adversary quickly." In other words, adherents of "strange gods" never argue or protest, but leave their victim time to absorb the sugar-coated poison. And this method works in nine cases out of ten, which accounts in large measure for the "success" of the existing and ever-multiplying isms—almost beyond numbering in these last days. My friend in her attitude of "absolutism" was running true to form, a "form of godliness" wholly lacking in the great essential, "but denying the power thereof."

In the days that followed during our long sea voyage from New York to Naples and further travels by land, I knew for a certainty that our thinking was as far apart as the poles, for the basis for fellowship did not exist, and the Christian has no business cultivating a friendship on other than Scriptural grounds.

Another incident that registered during the months of travel, was that of meeting a young New England pastor, a most earnest soul, but as I now realize tinctured with Modernism. We attended the funeral services for King Edward VII in Westminster Abbey, walking both ways from Woburn Place because of the conscientious New England scruples regarding Sunday observances which my companion held. It was on the homeward trek that we stopped to rest in Regent Park. Sitting on a bench we talked of many things in which we were mutually interested. One of the questions my companion asked was: "What do you think God is going to do with the great mass of humanity that have never and will never hear of God?" To this I replied: "I do not know what He will do, but I do know that the Judge of all the earth will do right."

Many years afterward a missionary lately converted to the "restitutional" viewpoint asked me the same question and received the same reply, which stopped further possible controversy on this very important and vital subject.

Another unforgettable experience was the meeting with Mrs. Jessie Penn-Lewis, Editor of *The Overcomer*. Her writings, such bits as had come my way, met a real heart hunger, and one of the things looked forward to during the European itinerary was that of meeting this woman, who to a large extent restored the

place of the Cross in Christian living. When we reached London I at once wrote her and a meeting was arranged.

For several years I had been seeking to reform by means of the "born-again" method a woman who had fastened herself upon me at a meeting of a Christian organization. Without a scrap of information concerning her past, I accepted her on the same basis as the organization she represented. It was not long before startling revelations came to light. In brief, she had spent two terms in prison—one in a Federal jail for forgery. She was a born liar, a thief, and guilty of practically all the forbidden crimes against the law. These disclosures followed in quick succession; and when alarmed I went to the person responsible for the introduction with the question, "Why did not you tell me her true character?" she replied, "I did not think I should do so."

With pathetic pleadings that I and I alone could be the means of her salvation, and countless profession of a real changed life, I allowed the woman to sap my time and strength of spirit, soul, and body for some years.

Finally her last plea having met with only skepticism on my part, she left me to pursue her crooked ways with others; and a long story could be told of what happened before she was again apprehended by the long arm of the law. Now my spirit was being constantly rasped by the Satanic suggestion that the fault lay in me for the failure to convert her. As I talked with this wise and good woman, Mrs. Penn-Lewis, she told me of a similar case in her own life. She had taken into her home a woman of questionable character, who professed to have found life abundant through this friend. At the end of several years, nothing changed, she left to pursue her old ways; and, said this wise lady, "For three years after I never rose on a platform to speak but that I expected her to assail my character from the audience." It was this story told by Mrs. Penn-Lewis that liberated my spirit, and never again did the Accuser torment me with the old "If."

Many times during that truly awful experience, when it seemed this wicked woman would not only ruin my physical health but make me a nervous wreck, I said, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in Him." Sorer trials have come in the years that have since passed, seemingly so unjust and cruel that I have been

pressed almost out of measure, but the tempering of the spirit has been such as to withstand the evil that was meant, and, as in the experience of Joseph, while they meant evil, He meant it for good.

NEVERTHELESS—AFTERWARDS

"What will it be when the pattern He's weaving
We view complete from life's threads dull and plain?
Fashioned by grace, for His glory unfolding,
Beauty tints which His love wrought through pain."

"Joseph was laid in irons: until the time that HIS word came. Never question GOD'S time table . . . the same loving hand that kept him in prison called him from it at the exact moment when full success was alone possible."

A friend who heard me speak of the criticism regarding the circulation of *C. T. Studd* almost gasped as she replied: "I am astonished, it had never occurred to me that you had such trials. Why I would as soon doubt the story of *Pilgrim's Progress* as to doubt a word of that book!"

Another time I was present at a dinner where the guest of honor was a young woman literally consumed with the idea that social service was to be the panacea for all the ills of society. Full of her subject, she entertained the group after we had retired to the library with story after story of the wonders accomplished and the anticipation of "greater things" to follow. After she had exhausted her subject, and herself, others were asked to express personal opinion. When my turn came, with this Authority listening I stated that "revival" is the one and only corrective for the evils that abound and flourish; and they laughed me to scorn.

THEREFORE

One other remembrance will bring to a conclusion this chapter. A long time ago, the number of years shall not be named, in my enthusiasm for foreign mission work, I offered for a certain field, that also shall be unnamed. So soon as it got noised abroad, a call came to an *independent* work, the sponsors all connected with one of the oldest and soundest Mission Boards. After several conferences with those responsible for the support of this "step child" believing that a thorough understanding had been reached, I consented to act as assistant to the head who was also

one of the founders and thoroughly acclimated to the tropics. Burning all bridges behind me I began the necessary preparations. Imagine my surprise when I was told that an agreement, among themselves, had led to the determination to make me responsible for the carrying on of the work, the reason; the lady mentioned wishing to remain in the States with her Mother. This introduced an angle which gave both pause and pain. The work was wholly dependent upon "voluntary contributions" secured from friends of the parties who had started it. With the withdrawal of the prime movers in this venture, it did not need special penetration to realize what would be involved. I suggested that a member of the staff on the field appeared to me better fitted and seemed the logical candidate for the promotion. "She has no presence and lacks in other qualifications for leadership," said my informant. Still further pressing my point, "You know that I am not College bred (She was)." This, I knew was the prime requisite for foreign mission work. To this she replied, "You have had great advantages and we must have someone for the position who can stand shoulder to shoulder with other leaders." Providentially the Woman Specialist, an intimate friend of the members of the "Committee" settled the matter when she pronounced me physically unfit. Unfortunately the story does not always end so happily. Since then I have met a goodly number who have been thrust forth, *not* according to the will of God, two at least "mentally sick" and all sorrowfully confessing to the tragedy of "occupying" not filling the places of their appointment. These things ought not so to be. But the future was still to be reckoned with. In my distress I called—He answered! "Therefore; I will *look* unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me." (Micah 7: 7.) The Word definitely given proved both balm to the spirit and a stabilizer to faith. "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter," words which have rung down through the ages, He speaks today to His puzzled disciples. Look, wait, hear and salvation follows.

Such experiences and many others during the years contributed to the working out of His purpose. Then followed the world travels covering a period of several years, all culminating in the conviction ever deepening with the passing of time that Revival must and will answer all questions and arguments and meet every need.

RESPONSIBILITY

'Twas a sheep, not a lamb, that went astray
In the parable that Jesus told.
'Twas a grown-up sheep that wandered away
From the ninety and nine in the fold.
And out on the hill-tops and out in the cold,
'Twas a sheep that the Good Shepherd sought.
And back to the flock, and back to the fold
'Twas a sheep that the Good Shepherd brought.

Now, why should the sheep be so carefully fed
And cared for even today?
Because there is danger if they go wrong
They will lead the lambs astray.
For the lambs will follow the sheep, you know,
Wherever they wander, wherever they go.

If the sheep go wrong, it will not be long
Till the lambs are as wrong as they.
So still with the sheep we must earnestly plead,
For the sake of the lambs today.
If the lambs are lost, what a terrible cost
Some sheep will have to pay.—*Selected.*

REVIVAL BLESSING BEGINS IN PRAYER

"Revival is a blessing that can begin in prayer only. Somebody must wait upon God for it. He waits to be gracious, but He will be inquired of for it. Somewhere there must be a heart that feels the impoverishment of spiritual experience, that perceives the insistent need and understands it secret, and so beseeches the Lord in manifold intercession, in the groanings of the Spirit that cannot be uttered. It is probably true that nobody will ever come into the revival tide without prayer. The flame of intercession must be passed on until the fire ascends to heaven and returns to baptize the Lord's people as they wait upon Him. So to pray honors God, because it is a manifest declaration of the complementary truth that revival can come from God alone. *A campaign may be inaugurated, great mass meetings may be held, the religious press may devote special columns to the subject, speakers and orators, men of powerful persuasion, may be gathered from the four corners of the earth, but revival,* when it comes, will come direct from heaven as on the day of Pentecost, in answer to the believing prayers of those that wait upon the Lord. . . . Revival, then, is an experience for the children of God only. It is inaugurated by prayer only."—*Rev. Theo. Bamber.*

REVIVAL A HERALD TO THE COMING OF THE LORD

Hudson Taylor once gave as his belief that a great World-wide Revival would take place that would herald the Coming of the Lord.

CHAPTER II

CONVERSION A CRISIS

" 'Tis done the great transactions done! I am my Lord's and He is mine," so ran the lines from an old Moody and Sankey hymn. Someone has defined this vital experience as "A Crisis with a View to a Process." This transaction, as gentle as the falling of dew, was my happy experience when a mere child. It was different when His call came to separation. A real crisis then took place, prayer immediately became a vital part of the daily schedule, and as always with the truly born-again soul, other crisis followed and to do His will, "Nothing more, nothing less, nothing else" became the sole objective. A very definite crisis occurred in my life the evening of December 16, 1923, and that vivid experience launched the work now known the world over as The World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement. His command to the early disciples, "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught," has rung in the ears of earnest fishers of men all down the ages, and still stands; and if we would only listen for his voice, the toiling in rowing would cease. As a testimony to His faithfulness I can say with all truth that never has an anxious thought as to how to carry on been injected into the mind. We have had concern and conflict with the powers of evil, but as how to proceed never a doubt but that the author and finisher of our faith would show us the way He would have us to go. And so we have had that perfect peace that comes from a mind stayed on Him and adjusted to His program.

The place, the Free Christian Church, Shanghai, the evening service progressing and the speaker contrasting the state of Dives and Lazarus, so different in this life, so definitely opposite in the life to come. As he pictured the torment of a lost soul, as contrasted with one who was forever with the Lord, I was stirred to the very depths of my being with the thought of the souls for whom Christ died separated forever from His love to an endless death in the place prepared for the wicked. Everything said up to this point was completely blotted from the mind, all that came after fell on deaf ears. I walked from the church as in a trance, and for days after slept and ate little. Inquiring of

the Lord, we were prompted by the Spirit to invite to our home the missionaries living in Shanghai to pray for world-wide revival. At the appointed time, New Year's Day, 1924, some twenty or more gathered in our home on Dixwell Road—Dr. Dora Yu, an eminent Chinese Evangelist; Dr. Walter Lowrie, Northern Presbyterian; Dr. S. I. and Mrs. Woodbridge, Southern Presbyterians; Dr. Robert and Mrs. Bryan, Southern Baptists; the Misses Woodberry and colleagues, of the Christian and Missionary Alliance; Miss Jennie Hughes and colleagues, of Bethel Mission; Mrs. Ballard and Miss Tippett, China Inland Mission; these and others—one a distinguished visitor from the U. S. A., Mr. George T. B. Davis, and ourselves comprised a company of more than twenty. The preliminaries, if so these could be called, were very brief, then prayer was made; and when the shadows began to fall we rose from our knees, conscious that He had caused a new thing to spring forth. A discussion followed as to whether such a work would be a duplication. Naturally we looked to Mr. Davis for an opinion, and were assured that there was nothing existing with which it would conflict. Mention was expressly made of the Great Commission Prayer League, but this, as was pointed out and as the name indicates, has for its motivating objective the recruiting of forces for the "regions beyond."

A CLEAN SLATE

And so, the slate having been wiped clean, we were dismissed with praise and thanksgiving. When we do not know how to proceed, we simply wait on the Lord, and in His time His Word is found to be the key.

No effort was made to advertise the outcome of the meeting. Prayer continued to be made, different groups of those present at the eventful gathering meeting in homes. I recall Dr. Walter Lowrie telling how he and Mr. Eldredge, Agent for the British and Foreign Bible Society, both residents of the Missionary Home, after office hours uniting in prayer for revival. Further than this, no special effort was made to interest large numbers, only the little pamphlet, "World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement," which gives the "platform" of this new spiritual child was prepared and circulated in a limited way, principally among missionaries; and this at once brought applications for member-

ship. Taking counsel at the mouth of the Lord, we were clearly shown that pledges by card would not be in accordance with His purpose. All down through the years, now numbering eighteen since the inauguration of a Movement by God, we have had reminders of the "foolishness" of numbering! The clerical work alone would be no small item of expense, both in time and money. Notes such as those quoted here have helped keep us true to the vision of the early days. "Did I write you a card asking that you mark my name off the list of those who *promised* to pray daily fifteen minutes for revival? I forget so often, as so many requests come these days. However I am praying—but I do want 'Truth' in the inward parts; as David says, so wanted to say this. How God has used you both!" And another —"I signed a card that I would pray fifteen minutes daily. I am afraid I do not do that, so to be honest with you and especially with the Lord, please drop my name. I shall, of course, as He leads be much in prayer for this world-blessing." And still another—"I promised several years ago to pray every day for this blessing of revival, but I have to confess that my prayers are spasmodic, though my faith in God does not waver." Of course, these dear friends and others who write in the same vein have confused this with other revival movements.

At our first "get-together-meetings" in Shanghai, Mr. D. E. Hoste, having consented to act on the committee, when the question of "pledges" was under consideration, expressed the definite conviction that this method was apt to result in condemnation to the "promiser" rather than profit to the extension of the Kingdom interests. We have acted upon Psalm 87: 6—"The Lord shall count, when He writeth up the people."

And so more than a year passed by in quiet waiting upon God before the stirring of the Spirit to invite Mr. A. Paget Wilkes, Chairman of the Japan Evangelistic Band with Headquarters at Kobe, to come over to help us. Many weeks passed before we broached the concern even to Mr. Wilkes, and then came other long weeks of waiting for a favorable reply, as Mr. Wilkes definitely felt that conditions in his own Mission demanded his presence; and upon the heels of this apparent refusal the unfortunate incident of May had aroused such bitterness of the British and Japanese that the prospect of his coming was practically nil. However, *prayer that the will of the Lord* be done

was continuous, and finally the day of their arrival (Mrs. Wilkes accompanied her husband) came. What followed is told in *Revival in Romance and Realism.*

Many months before the historic prayer meeting we had been circulating literature calculated to enlist prayer and increase interest in Revival. We now realized quite clearly that this was to be the *modus operandi* for propagating the revival spirit, *i.e.,* the dissemination of such literature to stir up the ready mind. And during the years following we have steadfastly held to this course.

One letter will be sufficient to make clear this point:

Rev. H. T. Bridgeman, Yencheng, Kiangsu, China.—"I want to report two things that have come to pass as a result of reading *A Present Day Challenge to Prayer,* a copy of which I have through your generosity. On January 1, 1925, our Station held an all-day prayer meeting from about 9 A. M. till about 5: 30 P. M.—a Day of Prayer for the work of the station, the workers, and for all China, and for world-wide revival. The second was the setting aside of a 'prayer room' at Funing during our New Year week of evangelism. I believe our work has been blessed because of these two means of prayer. Our station also plans to hold another all day of prayer sometime during the spring. Thinking that perhaps you would be encouraged in your work of distribution of literature and in your efforts to increase prayer for world-wide revival by these reports, I take the liberty of writing them to you."

In such "quiet and unobstrusive" ways the Holy Spirit was preparing a bulwark against the floods of evil let loose in a succession of violent acts and hatred of all righteousness which began on that May day when a group of students who were fomenting trouble were discovered and apprehended.

A SAD CONFESSION

Shortly before we left China "for good" (though we did not then know this would be the case) the early winter of 1925, a lady missionary from the interior who had come to Shanghai to take ship for *Home,* having been retired from further service in that great and needy land, called to see me just before embarking for the ocean voyage; and to my astonishment, in the course of our chat, made this confession: "Mrs. Woods in all the liter-

ature you circulate, stress is laid upon the necessity for dependence on the Holy Spirit in service. I have to confess that to me it has never been a reality. I can visualize God as a person, for He made the heavens and the earth. Jesus Christ also is real, He was in this world and walked and worked among men and women like you and me, but," and here her voice indicated deep feeling, "the Holy Spirit has never been a Person, but rather an influence, rather nebulous, and now after forty-five years I am going to the States not to return, and I know that there has been a definite lack of power in my service for God all these years in China."

REVIVAL VS. APOSTASY

"May I say a word here about the seeming conflict many have in balancing the teaching of the Word about revival for the last days, on the one hand, and the teaching of apostasy and falling away, on the other? For some years this was a puzzling thing to me. My 'faith' (!) in the 'growing apostasy' paralyzed my faith for the Lord to send Holy Ghost revivals, until I simply saw I could leave the apostasy to the Lord, for the Devil did not need my help to deepen and spread it. I saw very plainly again that we were still in the age of the Church and of the Spirit, and Acts 1: 8 is the program for us, and that according to our faith it will be unto us. But our faith functions according to the Word to which we hold. What we see in the Word we will go after by prayer and labor. And when one sees the simple purpose for which He gave the Spirit, and the many promises telling what He will do in this age (as fulfilled in the Acts), he will get hold of the same. He will press on in an evangelistic and missionary way to further fulfill Acts 1: 8 and add a chapter or so to the unfinished Acts of the Apostles. The Holy Ghost is given for mighty acts, not for apostates and apostasy! We know there is a real anointed time and place for prophetic truth, and not all are equipped to handle this portion of the Word so wisely, so as to help and not hinder the main program for this age. The river of Ezekiel (chapter 47) which I like to call the 'revival river,' starts in a quiet, hidden way, under the temple. Nevertheless, it is very intense, aglow with the life whence it issues forth. So, under the temple-court of the outward professing Church is the little praying flock, hidden away in some secret place, alive with Calvary's life, intense in their prayers for the world without. Suddenly the river bursts forth, bringing Calvary's eternal life to those around the temple, spreading on in depth and width and length, until it reaches the lost everywhere, even 'unto the uttermost part of the earth.' "—Rev. Armin R. Gesswein, in *Alliance Weekly.*

"While the tired wavelets, vainly breaking,
Seem here no painful inch to gain,
Far back, through creeks and inlets, making,
Comes silent, flooding in, the main."

CHAPTER III

THE CROWNING OF A NOBLE WORK

As the work went quietly on, in the meantime we had not been idle by any means. That great work, "monumental" it has well been called, the *Chinese Bible Encyclopedia,* under way of preparation for some years past, was, we fervently hoped, nearing completion. Then we should return home, the call of duty there had in no wise ceased. Though I was not actually engaged in the work of translation, my time was much occupied—indeed filled—with running the house, running errands to banker, baker, and candlestick maker. In all these things prayer was the great lever, and more than once the day was saved as we waited for God to work deliverance. Trials of faith were not lacking by any means. On one occasion the force of four or five Chinese scholars (?), of different degrees of efficiency, struck. At four o'clock, the usual time for ending the day's work, all walked out in a body with the understanding that not one would return. About eight o'clock that evening one of the force—the longest employed—returned and sheepishly confessed to being in the wrong. From this nucleus was built up another set of workers. One individual, an exceedingly unpleasant person, cultivated the habit of taking a nap during the working hours. A noisy interlude, for with the sounds issuing from open mouth his nose acted as a trumpet. Being rebuked he replied in a long note of protest and with a bow handed this to the Editor in Chief, who, after reading the first line, crushed it into a ball and threw it at his feet. Thus ended the first lesson! "Variety is the spice of life," it is said, and certainly our lives did not lack "spice." There were other hindrances, but at long last we approached the completion of an arduous, painstaking task. In this connection it seems fitting to mention that one of the most efficient and consecrated missionaries, Dr. Junkin, a member of the committee, living at one of the interior Stations and unable to be present because of the distance, wrote begging that the price would be fixed at the lowest possible, as a great many of his native evangelists desired to have copies but being very poor could pay only a nominal price. The Encyclopedia was based on Orr's "Bible Encyclopedia," with much

additional material; and translated into Chinese it required four volumes, and was considered the de luxe output of the Mission Book Company. Upon receipt of this letter from Dr. Junkin we put our heads together and considered what could be done to meet this situation. The conclusion was that the price having been determined at $2.50 Mex., equivalent to $1.25 gold, we would give a rebate of $1.00 Mex., bringing the price down to 75c gold.

Some months earlier we had investigated Automobile Agencies with the idea of acquiring a car, most missionaries residing in Shanghai had their own machines. The longer we looked, the less sure we were that this was the best investment of His money, and so with reluctance, it must be confessed, we abandoned the search. The trams were not only dirty, but in a sense dangerous, if not to life, to property. My husband had his gold watch lifted from an inside pocket by a touch so deft that he did not know anything unusual had happened until he wished to consult the time piece. Adding up the total in rebates, we found when the budget was balanced that the amounts so expended exactly equaled, almost to the penny, that which we had thought to pay for the machine. Our God knows how to balance accounts.

"SUTSIEN, NORTH KIANGSU,
"NOVEMBER 20, 1924.

"MY DEAR DR. WOODS:

"I send you enclosed two copy letters, which are self-explanatory. You see what I am trying to do. Tell Mrs. Woods that I am praying with her that this first edition will be exhausted by the time it is printed and I think our prayers will be answered. You get ready to have a second edition started by the time this is out!

"I did not have time to make out this troublesome list, but for the great importance of this work I took it. I have just 409 names of Bible Union members in 409 different cities! That means a great many of these books put into the hands of the Chinese all over this nation!

"Now I propose, as you see from the enclosed letter to Mr. Kerr, to mail out these letters myself. I am sure this will be worth while. I am willing, if need be, to pay the postage myself,

which will come to more than $12.00, but if you think this can come from the publishing fund, please put me 'on to it.'

"Please communicate with the Mission Book Company at once as to this matter of Prospectus; also as to the time limit for pre-publication terms. And please do not cut off the pre-publication terms before the end of February, anyhow, so that my letter will have time to do its work. We enjoyed so much the visit in your lovely home while in Shanghai. Thank you both again. Love and best wishes to you both.

"Most sincerely yours,

"Wm. F. Junkin."

In those good old days, missionaries from all over China foregathered for recreation on Kuling, the beautiful mountain resort 3,500 feet above sea level. This also furnished a most favorable time for the yearly missionary meeting of the different denominations. It was at the convocation of Southern Presbyterians that it got noised abroad that we had made the offer referred to, and within a very few days we received a letter from Dr. Donald Richardson, Professor of Theology in the Nanking Theological Seminary, that if the offer was still good he wished for a grant of 100 copies for the students. This was a wonderful opportunity, too good to let pass, and a reply in the affirmative was sent. Others were eager to secure copies, until we had heard from almost every Southern Presbyterian station and the number was mounting rapidly. Then came the thought to include the China Inland Mission in the widening circle. The offer was accepted and a questionnaire sent to the distant superintendents of their widespread constituency. How well I remember Mr. Stark's coming with the sheaf of applications, numbering over 800. And so it came about that instead of the 2,500 copies fixed as the limit, the number grew to first 5,000, then 6,000, in answer to prayer, which led my husband to exclaim, "This is beyond my wildest imaginings."

Mr. A. Paget Wilkes, the chief speaker in the Revival Services, took back with him a set of the books and interested friends in Japan in the *Chinese Bible Encyclopedia,* and Dr. S. I. Roberts, missionary to Korea, sold many copies. Something of the effect of this may be gathered from a letter under date of March 6,

1925—the writer Mrs. William F. Junkin, Sutsien, North Kiangsu:

"Dear Mrs. Woods:

"You can never know how glad, how very glad, we are over the glad news. Your splendid gifts have crowned Dr. Woods' noble work with success. Our whole station is so glad, even the children are interested. I came in from my woman's school the other day and found that our small boy, William, 11 years old, had opened several letters. When I exclaimed: 'Oh, you must not do that, you may lose something important,' he answered: 'Well, I will not do it next time, but I just wanted to see how many more books these people had bought.' We rejoice with you and with Dr. Woods and thank God that He has answered our prayers. All our people here thank you most heartily for the wonderful help you have given in your contribution for the Encyclopedia in this field. And let me take this opportunity of thanking you for the splendid book you recently sent to our Station, *The Highway.* It is splendid. I wish everyone could read it. It is, I am sure, doing a great deal of good. Hurrah for Mrs. Mason, God bless her! After all have read it here I shall send it to Shanghai for Agnes to read. The children there (in American School) need it."

It was not a coincidence, but a definite planning of God, that brought to completion the *Chinese Bible Encyclopedia* and terminated (for the time being) the revival services simultaneously. Before the furlough period expired, my husband had reached the age when missionaries are automatically retired from active service in connection with Boards.

However, there has been no cessation of activity in connection with his church (Southern Presbyterian), and also the world at large. This brief record of "what God hath wrought" would be incomplete without mention of the latest book from his pen, *Our Priceless Heritage.* The trade edition, published by Marshall, Morgan & Scott, London, was entirely exhausted some years ago. The greater number of the 3,000 copies was taken by The Hope Trust, a Scottish organization definitely committed to the dissemination of sound Protestant literature. The revised edition with much additional and most valuable material printed by the Evangelical Press, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is now being sent

gratis to Universities, Colleges, and Bible Schools throughout the States, for acceptance of the offer from presidents of these institutions has been most gratifying. Placed in libraries, the book will be accessible to students for many years to come. Many young men and women struggling to get an education are wholly unable to purchase good books. We feel that this is a most worth-while contribution to the education of young men and women, qualifying for service whether at home or abroad.

"MEN OUGHT ALWAYS TO PRAY"

"Appointing a day or a week of prayer is not praying. The writer was in a city when a day of prayer had been appointed for young men. A large company came together, a city pastor opened the meetings with reading, prayer, and an address. He was followed with several other prayers, irrelevant, formal, pointless. Then—the people went on their way. Is that the way the church in Jerusalem prayed when James was murdered? And when Peter was in chains in prison? Was there a hint of groaning under the crushing burden of millions of Christless young men? Was there a suggestion of Abraham interceding for Sodom? Of Jacob wrestling with the burden of coming generations pressing upon his soul? Of Moses crying, 'Save this people—or cut me off'? Of Elijah, bowed with his head between his knees at Carmel? Of the Christ, spending whole nights in prayer? Of Paul saying, 'I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ' for Israel?"

THERE IS A GREAT NEED FOR PRAYER IN OUR DAY

It is a severe indictment against the Church: "Ye have not, because ye ask not!" The prayer of faith is the strategic point of all Christian service against which hell hurls its heaviest artillery. "Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his (or her) knees." Did not Jesus say, "Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father"? When the enemy comes in like a flood only the Spirit of the Lord can lift up a standard against him. When that Spirit comes He will come to make intercession in us with unutterable groanings. Prayer will become not a mere incident, but the supreme business of our lives. We shall again see a great turning to the Lord. For the speedy coming of the day let "every one that is godly pray" continually.

CHAPTER IV

THE HALF CAN NEVER BE TOLD

Mention has been made of the carefulness exercised lest we build upon the foundation laid by another or a seeming to love pre-eminence, a tendency perhaps all to prevalent in Church circles as well as worldly pursuits. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and a good understanding have they that trust in Him." "The fear of man bringeth a snare, but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe." When it was made unmistakably clear that the Church had need for another revival message, the booklet *The Half Can Never Be Told,* the story of the Shanghai Revival, and *The Power of Prayer,* the story of the 1857 Revival, having been joined under the former title, we still looked for someone who was in a position better suited to its circulation than ourselves—though we at the time never dreamed of the far-flung influence the message would exert on His workers all over the world. We approached the late Charles G. Trumbull, Editor of the *Sunday School Times.* As it so happens his reply has been preserved "for such a time as this." We quote:

"The Sunday School Times,
"Philadelphia, Penna.,
"June 7, 1927.

"My Dear Mrs. Woods:

"I am in receipt of your note with the copy of the letter from Mr. Ward of India, and I thank you for calling our attention to this. I wish it might be possible for us to take up that book in some way, especially in view of the family relationship with its author, the late Dr. Prime, one of whose relatives, Dr. William C. Prime, married my father's sister. But just now we are not contemplating bringing out any new books, or reprints of this sort, but concentrating on the publications we have, and especially on *The Sunday School Times.* So I know you will understand why the way does not seem to be clear for us to take this up. It is not often possible for us to reprint book material of this sort in *The Sunday School Times,* either.

"I am glad to write that I am much better again, and send warmest remembrance to you and Dr. Woods.

"Yours faithfully,

"C. G. TRUMBULL."

Dr. Dora Yu, a member of the initial group that momentous New Year's Day, an evangelist to her own people, loved and honored by all, both Chinese and foreigner, left this record in her Autobiography, published shortly before her call to higher service. In a chapter "Watch and Pray," Dr. Yu says—"In the summer of 1925, when the tide of anti-Christian agitation was at its height, God, through the instrumentality of Mrs. H. M. Woods, the founder and chairman of The World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement, a mighty revival took place in Shanghai, and those who have read *The Half Can Never Be Told* will know how marvelously the Lord worked. I have met many who testify to the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, and it was through those meetings that they were brought to the Lord. Oh, how we need such revivals all over the Chinese churches! 'A vision of the Lord Jesus Christ and His wonderful love and a vision of the mighty power of the Cross.' Such vision will send us to our knees in deep humiliation and conviction of sin."

[A brief report of the Revival Meetings written for a Southern Presbyterian Missionary Society.]

In spite of war and riots during the past year, mission work in China *has made good progress* in many places; this to us is a most encouraging fact, showing that the work is indeed of God. Especially I might mention the Revival services held in Shanghai last July and August (1925). Shanghai had a short while before had a serious riot in which lives were lost, and the native population was wild with excitement and anti-foreign feeling. The foreigners were as if sitting on the edge of a volcano. After much prayer it was decided to have revival services both for missionaries and for Chinese. But the feeling was so intense,—which alas! Chinese Christians shared,—that many thought it unwise to attempt public meetings: the British authorities also shared this feeling and advised against it, and where could a suitable building be had within the foreign settlement? If the meetings were held in a foreign church would the Chinese be willing to attend? These difficulties were all solved by prayer and by

"SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION"

This group of fine young Chinese Christians, was so called because they seemed almost to burst with fiery zeal as a result of attending the meetings for missionaries. It was their earnest prayers and pleadings in large measure that led to the continuation of the Revival Services. The young woman at right, holding the baby, was sought in marriage by the Christian General Feng, after the death of his first wife. She is well named "Faith," having declined the great honor because already engaged to a fine young Christian man, both members of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. The great Evangelist D. L. Moody said: "Get on fire and people will come to see you burn." Testimonies abundantly confirm this statement.

the good hand of God working for us. The trustees of the foreign Union Church kindly granted the use of the church, and to every one's surprise the Chinese filled the church to overflowing. No reference to political affairs or to the present state of feeling was made; only the Gospel of God's grace and salvation was earnestly preached, accompanied by continual prayer, and the result was most gratifying and salutary. Souls were saved, and between fifty and sixty Christians consecrated themselves to the work of spreading the Gospel. The earnest singing of Gospel hymns was most inspiring. We have never heard singing which touched one's heart more. Most wonderful of all, God used as chief speaker an *Englishman* who came from *Japan,*—two countries which were the object of special hatred just then! "This is the Lord's doing: it is marvelous in our eyes." *God is working; He has answered, and will always answer true prayer.* Let us all be encouraged to redouble our efforts to spread His Kingdom in China and throughout the whole world!—*Dr. Henry M. Woods.*

THE BETHEL BANDS A BY-PRODUCT OF THE 1925 REVIVAL

And to quote **Andrew Gih of the Bethel Bands**—"It seemed a most unpropitious time to invite a Britisher for special meetings in China. On May 3d, grievous trouble broke out in Shanghai, resulting in strong anti-British feeling. The wave of resentment spread through the interior causing many missionaries to come to the coast instead of going to the usual summer conference centers. "But GOD!" praise His Name! He worked His purpose out in spite of all human impossibilities. The conference—the first three weeks for missionaries then six weeks for Chinese Christians and a fire was kindled then and there. God has given such seasons of refreshing that multitudes have had their love fanned to a flame and are witnessing for Him. At last the unreached masses are having the opportunity to hear the glad news. During these days power from on high came down, sweeping away national prejudices and multitudes were saved.

A mark of His favor upon this special revival message, one of many, came in the summer of 1928. Two intriguing letters reached me at the same time, one from a friend who wished me to be her guest for a month at a splendid hotel at Ocean Grove,

New Jersey; the other announced the opening of a new paying guest house on Cape Cod, expenses to be met by myself. In considering the two, I was led to choose the last, and arrived on a certain day to find that a missionary from Ecuador had preceded me by twenty-four hours—the Rev. Raymond V. Edman. A fine Spanish scholar; upon hearing of the need for a Spanish edition of the little book, he volunteered to translate it. Countless testimonies to the blessing received among Spanish-speaking people could be given, but we add only that the translator is now President of Wheaton College; and that our prayers follow him in this new and important post, goes without saying. Nearly one-half million copies of this one booklet in English and Spanish, not including other translations, have been circulated, and the blessing it has exerted is incalculable. Thousands of prayer groups have been formed and continue to this day in holy expectation of the opened windows of heaven.

REQUESTS THAT PULL ON THE HEART STRINGS

Rev. J. W. McDonald, Ontario, Canada.—"A number of ministers, of whom I am one, are being sent out to Western Canada on a Mission of Help to hold Conferences with the ministers of the Anglican Church in the more remote areas of Saskatchewan and Alberta. They are so lonely and so isolated; and cannot afford to buy books. We missioners thought that we should like to give a present of at least one worth-while book, such as the 'Life of Studd.' We thought that perhaps the Inter-Varsity Fellowship might have sufficient copies, but their stock is almost exhausted, and we wondered if you could spare one hundred and fifty copies of that stimulating book so that the devotional life of these men might be enriched. The Mission of Help is under the auspices of Wycliffe College, Toronto, of which we are graduates and where we had Dr. Griffeth Thomas as one of our Professors." (Mr. Stacey Woods, General Secretary for Canada, had 500 copies.)

Rev. William A Fuller, Superintendent The Railway Mission, Toronto.—It occurs to me that my experience with your first book, *The Half Can Never Be Told,* would interest you. I wish now that I had recorded cases by name, particularly of western people, usually lonely in spiritual isolation—for it is such we try to help—who have thanked me for that book. The

number is more than "scores." I met a lady not long ago who spoke of you as her "friend," though she did not know you, simply because of the new faith and blessing which had come to her through that book. I fancy her steady zeal in tract work dates therefrom. My experience has not been of great revivals through the book so much as new faith in God for, and prayer for, true revival in the lonely hearts we have had so much to do with in these years. You may be sure the copies of "C. T. Studd" and The Wonder of the Book will be appreciated by the Railway men, many of whom are in isolated places. I can imagine your pleasure, you and Dr. Woods, when the Lord reveals exactly what He was doing when you agreed to use funds in this way. God bless you both. My wife joins me in the kindest regards, and I am, Yours in Christ's service."

Captain Winsor, Salvation Army, Newfoundland.—"God moves in mysterious ways. I, here on this quiet little island, thousands of miles from you, have heard of you all because you trusted God. And tonight I think of you as one of my best friends and love you. It seems that you are not far away, yes even very near. This is because our minds are alike, even though yours is wonderful and mine is weak and small. I am still in this quiet, little spot—my home. Five years have passed since my lungs broke down and gave me trouble. I do not seem to claim complete healing, but I am still trusting and God is honoring my weak faith. Pray for me, please. The effectual fervent prayer availeth much. I keep reading the wonderful books you sent me. My friends have read them too. In *The Half Can Never Be Told* some earnest believer from Czechoslovakia writes, 'I can frankly say there has hardly ever come to me a thing appealing to me like this Movement.' There are many of them, but almost all turn to worldly policies, registration of members, statistics, and glorying over numbers, while you so wisely let the Lord guide you beyond this danger.' This is what I like about your Movement. All the glory is given to God, making your Movement attractive to earnest, selfless Christians the world over. How real, how beautiful it is to one who is tired of living in the midst of empty preaching."

PENTECOST THE NEED OF THE CHURCH

"Pentecost is the need of the Church today." "Ours is a Christianity without force, passion, or effect," cried a modern prophet, "a suburban piety, domestic and kindly, but unfit to cope with the actual moral case of the world. We cannot deal to any purpose with the deep damnation of the race. Our word is but a lovely song the people hear it, but do not fear; they are enchanted but unchanged." Pentecost is our need.

"It seems to me that in God's great plan for the recovery of a fallen race through grace, He has included in His plans the ministry of intercession, and let me say it very reverently that the divine waits for, and is to a large extent dependent upon, intercession. When Jesus looked upon the whitened harvest fields of earth's harvest, His only recipe for obtaining laborers was to pray. His farewell address to His disciples given at the Last Supper just before His suffering was crowded with the thought that all the future of His Church depended upon prayer and the coming of the Comforter."—W. G. BENNETT.

CHAPTER V

WHAT THEY SAY

Miss Gertrude E. Metcalfe, Christian's Mission, Ningpo, China.—How I have loved to look upon your face seated at tea in the Kuling Cottage! This will show you I have your book and have read every word of it, reliving those days in Shanghai when God Himself did such wonderful things. I marvel at the way He has kept all so alive in your mind, truly that too has been His doing. There seems to be more need than ever at the present time that God's people should be revived, the darkness is spreading over all lands and except there be reality in the knowledge of eternal truths, who could stand when the tests come? Our Father has used you in such a hidden but widespread powerful way to touch lives with quickened power, and He whom alone you serve is most surely satisfied. I have been reading an article on "Faithfulness" as an essential in preparation for the Lord's Coming and future service. Luke 19: 17—"Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities." It is the faithful Lord who works faithfulness in us, and as I think of the output of these years and the numbers reached, oh how I praise Him with you and for you! With my love and happy remembrance of every touch with you."

Rev. James Worboys, International Evangelist, Australia.—Mrs. Henry M. Woods, the founder of the World-Wide revival Prayer Movement, has laid the whole Christian Church under a debt of gratitude in publishing the story of the origin and spread of this wonderful movement, under the caption of "Revival in Romance and Realism." How this unique instrument of spiritual awakening was born, the literature it has produced, and its world-wide spread has been presented in beautiful phrase. Pentecost is recalled as one reads of revivals inspired and recorded in this volume. The reader finds himself face to face with the methods of the book of Acts. This "elect lady" has done well to present the Christian world with this splendid book. It should be in the hands of all ministers, Christian workers, and young people. It would make a choice gift book.

Mrs. Caroline Atwater Mason, whose books, *The Highway* and others, have been translated into many languages, paid tribute in

these words—"I have just closed your book, dear Mrs. Woods, after many earnest readings, but that does not mean that I have finished it. It is only that I have gone through each chapter to the last with strong interest, sympathy and admiration. Probably I shall never finish reading this book, it embraces too wide a field, in time and place, and experience ever to be finished. Always I shall return to one chapter or another and again be led by the vital lines of thought and conviction to fresh hope and courage. The book is unique, and it is greatly needed now. I shall pray for its influence to be all that it deserves. I rejoice with you in its publication. What a wonderful life you have lived and how you have been led step by step. I humbly desire for it prayer that the message may be used of the Holy Spirit to kindle a white flame of intercession in the heart of every reader. I believe we are all one in our desires and purposes, but not all of us have the perserverance and energy which characterizes your work. God bless you in it for many years to come."

Rev. S. Clowes Noxon, Hamilton, Canada.—"Thank you for the beautiful book, REVIVAL IN ROMANCE AND REALISM. Mrs. Noxon and I are reading it gradually and are thoroughly enjoying this beautifully written "Biography of God's Ministry." In reading the recorded experiences one is conscious of the presence of God the Holy Spirit leading Mrs. Woods to undertake visiting the mission fields, His guidance, protection, faithfulness, answers to prayer, the manifestation of His power in revival moving to the organizing of the World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement, prompting to prepare and to choose prayer-inspiring literature, His manifest blessing upon it in including a host of individuals and groups to pray for an awakening in His Church throughout the world, which we trust will result in the purging of His Church and in a work of soul saving. God has greatly honored you in beginning and continuing a truly marvelous service for Him. Every day I pray for you, Dr. and Mrs. Woods, for the praying individual members and groups and that God will not permit the Enemy to interfere with the W. W. R. P. M. in preparing for His coming."

Dame Christabel Pankhurst, London, England (at present in the States).—"I am reading with absorbed interest your book, REVIVAL IN ROMANCE AND REALISM, which I admire

very much. At this moment I have just finished chapter four and I have not resisted the temptation to turn to the last chapter with which I am in wholehearted agreement, for I believe fervently and firmly that a world-wide Revival is possible and should be prayed for before our Lord returns, and that the preaching of His return is one of the potent means of bringing it to pass. Surely, this Gospel of His return is not meant only to edify believers! Its main purpose is to win unbelievers in the latter days of this age and in presence of the age-end signs and portents. May the prayers of the World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement be abundantly answered in our day and speedily."

Capt. J. C. Metcalfe, Warwickshire, Englnd.—"Thank you so much for the letter and also for the book which I shall greatly value. I read anything I can lay my hands on on the question of 'Revival,' and feel so strongly the need of deep thinking and plain speaking about it. Here in England so much goes by the name of 'Revival' which is mere emotionalism produced psychologically that it is a joy to find those who have proved God's willingness to answer true prayer, and grant real movements of His Spirit. I have more than once met with literature issued by you and have always received stimulus and encouragement. Your letter came just as I had been considering issuing the 'Overcomer' article as a leaflet, but I had told the Lord that I should not do so unless I had some clear indication from outside that it might be useful. Is it not wonderful to see His guidance in the details of life and service? I do thank you for the encouragement of your letter. With warm Christian greetings."

Dr. J. Layton Mauze, Southern Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Missouri.—"I am greatly indebted to you for your latest volume, *Revival in Romance and Realism* and for what I got out of reading the book. I was in need of just such an inspiration as the volume brought to me. It warmed my heart, renewed my grip on God, and revived my faith in the potency of prayer. You have helped to make a better Christian and a more efficient minister out of me. I can only hope and pray that the blessing you have brought to me may return to you muitiplied manifold. Eternity alone can tell the good you and the Doctor are doing. Again thanking you and with warmest regards to Dr. Woods."

Rev. W. L. Telford, Congregation Church, Shetland Is-

lands.—"I have just finished reading *Revival in Romance and Realism.* That book has been a revelation to me. Previously I had never even heard of the great World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement, or the wonderful work you are doing in sending out those different books on Prayer and Revival. My first reaction to it all was to thank God with all my heart. I have read today the first three letters in *By Way of Remembrance.* How suggestive it all is! Very evidently the Spirit is leading out God's own people in Intercession on a world-wide scale. The very fact that your own efforts are meeting with so great a response is surely clear proof of what our Master desires to do, and means to do. God grant we may not fail Him.

"I have received and read my copy of the December Bulletin. How refreshing it is! I am sure that to many these letters of prayer fellowship must be as springs in the desert. They not only refresh the spirit, and make prayer more easy, but they also convey to our inner consciousness the feeling that we are each one bound together to an almost countless company of kindred spirits, whose supreme concern is that mighty revival shall come to our sorely stricken world. How mutually helpful all this is! Praise the Lord. 'More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.' The Lord bless both of you: not only because of what you are doing, but because of what you are helping others to do by His Spirit."

Mrs. Anna Parish, Independence, Iowa.—"Dear Sister in Jesus: I come to you with sincere apology for slowness in acknowledging the soul-stirring book *Revival in Romance and Realism.* Words seem so powerless to express the real satisfying pleasure I am still gleaning from this book. I love it! Your travels and experiences are far more fascinating than any book of fiction I read while walking with the world. And to know it is the dealings and leading of our glorious Lord Jesus with real people who are wholly yielded to Him! Surely 'Truth is stranger than fiction' and far more worth while and enduring in its grip on the mind and heart. I knew from the printed matter I have been happily receiving from you that you were making gifts of real worth, but the vastness ever enlarging is a real and wonderful revelation to me as I become better acquainted with your work. I can't do much to help, but I'm so glad I can

pray. I used to hear the expression often 'Prayer is the lever that moves the world.' . . . The world doesn't seem so large when we learn of the strange, unlooked-for, and unexpected meetings that take place. Oh, that God's people could be awakened to the truth that we have a wonderful, wonderful living Saviour and that He is waiting and watching and listening! . . . May the riches of God's abounding love be upon you dear people as you labor on."

Mrs. Eileen R. Hally, Sydney, Australia.—"I have just read with the very deepest interest your book *Revival in Romance and Realism* and also a pamphlet on the World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement, which were both sent to me by a friend. Needless to say, they have stirred me very much, and now I may be added to the many thousands of others who are joining you in praying for a World-Wide Revival. It is undoubtedly the only thing left, with the world in its present state, and, thank God, He does hear and answer prayer. If you have any books or booklets at all that are still available for distribution, I should be most grateful for a copy of any. I am a Sunday-school teacher and also one of the three leaders who take an Inter-School Christian Fellowship Class every second Saturday night. This is a class for girls in secondary schools and older, and any book you sent would be most prayerfully loaned to the different girls and other friends in the church. You and Dr. Woods are now added to my daily prayer list, and I do pray that God will continue to bless and use you both in the great work you are doing and may this year see you doing a greater work than ever before."

REVIVAL A "ROUSER"

A Christian Journalist, who visited the Revival in Wales, upon returning to London, was asked, "But is it all emotion? Is there no teaching?" To which he replied, "Precious little. Do you think that teaching is what people want in a Revival? These people, all the people in a land like ours, are taught to death, preached to insensibility. They all know the essential truths. They know that they are not living as they ought to live, and no amount of teaching will add anything to that conviction. To hear some people talk you would imagine that the best way to get a sluggard out of bed is to send a tract on astronomy showing him that according to the fixed and eternal law the sun will rise at a certain hour in the morning. The sluggard does not deny it. He is entirely convinced of it. But what he knows is that it is precious cold at sunrise on a winter's morning, and it is very snug and warm between the blankets. What the sluggard needs is to be well shaken, and in case of need to be pulled out of bed. 'Roused,' the Revivalist calls it. And the Revival is a rouser rather than a teacher. And that is why I think those churches which want to go on dozing in the ancient ways had better hold a special series of prayer meetings that the Revival may be prevented from coming their way."

"Revive us again, fill our hearts with Thy love;
Let each soul be rekindled with fire from above."

CHAPTER VI

LIKE A BEAUTIFUL ROMANCE

Miss Lulu de Villiers, Cape Town, South Africa.—A few weeks ago in my letter rack I saw an envelope with my full address and printed on top, The World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement. I was thrilled and surprised. Its reaction on my spirits was like that of a chocolate handed to a swimmer who has just passed a long-continued contrary current. "Baffled but not beaten, Cast down but not forsaken." Still determined to swim on. Several years ago God gave me a vision and commission in connection with revival, as a friend of mine wrote from Japan—Revival flood tide, Revival world-wide. Again and again I have wanted to get in touch with you, but I did not know how to obtain your address. It was just like God to furnish me with the same, one of His sweet love tokens. I can hardly believe that I am actually writing to you. It is like a beautiful romance. I became one with you in the bonds of Christ, and the baptism of His Love through reading, REVIVAL IN ROMANCE AND REALISM. One day when praying these lines came to my mind:

Revival flood,
Revival fire,
Through Jesus' blood
Grant my desire.

In Cape Town we have a prayer meeting for Revival during the lunch hour on Wednesdays. I am sending you three addresses of influential men who usually attend. Will it be possible to add these names to the list of those to whom your printed circular Letters are sent? I do sincerely hope so. Musing recently about the Valley of Dry Bones—The present-day Church—and realizing how Satan is the agent at work as the drainer, drier, separator and accuser of the brethren, I felt rather heartsore about this. Suddenly there flashed through my mind. There is never a valley without a mount. Mount Calvary is alongside this valley of Dry Bones. Calvary's streams are yet flowing, while Calvary is still there and the fountain opened wide, lifegiving streams flowing from the Saviour's side, the valley can still be flooded because

of Mount Calvary alongside of it. Yes all the resources for revival are still there because of the crucified, but God showed me would be instruments for revival must be deeply identified with the crucified on the Cross. We must be crucified with Him. Revival is only possible via the Cross. It is not the world or the apostate Church that is the great hindrance to revival, but the lack of the crucified spirit in the true body of Christ. I have been opening my heart to you, trying to give expression to pent-up feelings, because I feel you will be so kind and understanding, for His sake, so I make no apologies for this lengthy letter. May He bless you with yet deeper vision and confirm His commission to you with signs and wonders following yet more and more. Yours in Jesus Christ.

A DEAN IN THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER

Mr. D. E. Hoste

June 23, 1933

"I have another of your stirring booklets, entitled *Press On,* for which to offer you my sincere thanks. Yesterday I was studying it with interest, being specially moved by the experience of a missionary in India who received and obeyed a call to the larger work of intercession, and as she persevered in this notwithstanding difficulties and discouragements, she was led into far greater fruitfulness in her own ministry than she had ever known before. Yes, it is indeed true that perhaps the deadliest danger to which we are exposed is to cease to press on, without realizing that such an attitude means deterioration . . . I venture to think that if some of the time at present spent in listening to addresses was utilized in the manner suggested above, there would be a great gain to the cause of God throughout the world and corresponding reflex blessing to those giving themselves to such service. I observe, one of your correspondents says, "It is in practice a good deal easier to write and talk about praying than actually to give ourselves to steady, persevering prayer on behalf of the work of the gospel in different parts of the world." Would that there were more definite, serious exercising ourselves unto godliness in this vital matter. May it not be said that people have no business to talk about prayer and the need of it if they themselves are not engaged in it to the point of prac-

tical self-denial. It is a truism to say that no real work of God was ever planted or ever spread save through a period of strain and travail, involving real death in the one so used. Personally I find that the more I give myself to prayer the more the Holy Spirit seems to come and constrain me to pray. May not this be in a measure what the Apostle meant when he wrote the words, 'Exercise thyself unto godliness'? It is a truism to say that in worldly matters, whether business, athletics, public life, or anything else, no one makes good without concentration, perseverance, and laying aside other things in order to attain the object in view."

"I have received another of your valued printed letters, which is dated December, 1937, for which I offer you my cordial thanks. In doing so, may I also express my prayerful desire that you yourselves may increasingly be blessed and enlarged in your own hearts and lives as you continue to impress upon others the duty of spreading the gospel amongst hitherto unreached nations and races? Now that I am released from responsible service in connection with the China Inland Mission, it becomes a growing privilege to pray for the various other continents and countries throughout the world. It has indeed been my practice in considerable measure to do this since my conversion through the preaching of D. L. Moody, more than fifty-five years ago. I have myself been rereading the Life of C. T. Studd, to which so many references are made in your letter. The need of regular prayer, both individually and unitedly on behalf of all the governments and the nations throughout the world, has also been impressed upon me with increased urgency during the past year or two. I must confess that sometimes, when attending church services on the Lord's day, one has received a painful impression from the restricted scope of the prayers offered by the leader. I can think of at least one important Fundamentalist center where the petitions were restricted to the needs of the congregation and the work of the local church. It was in a large city, the municipal government of which has, alas, for years been a byword on account of its flagrant dishonesty. Seeing that in 1 Timothy 2 we are expressly exhorted to pray for all in authority, one could not but receive a painful impression and also a fuller understanding of the reason why so much misgovernment exists. May I refer to the great importance of missionaries, exercising great care as

to what they say regarding the policy and conduct of Governments. It is, alas, true that too often the latter are marked by grave sin and mistake. Public criticisms by missionaries nearly always are brought to the attention of the authorities concerned, the result being that they, so far as they can, put a stop to, or at least hinder missionary work. As I write a striking instance of this, which occurred in Abyssinia not very long ago, comes to my mind. It is not a question of the abstract right, or even duty, of those not in foreign missionary work, in some circumstances, to protest against misgovernment. The point is that the special requirements of the sacred missionary vocation demand reticence on the part of those engaged in it. As the Apostle puts it, "I suffer all things, lest I hinder the gospel." In closing I venture to add one more request for earnest prayer. I refer to our Chinese fellow workers and also our Chinese fellow believers in the districts now without missionaries which are occupied by troops. Pray constantly that they may be granted deliverance in the midst of peril both to their persons and their property. Again thanking you for your valued communication, believe me, with greetings in which my dear wife joins. Yours very faithfully in Christ.

Both Mr. Hoste and C. T. Studd were members of the famous "Cambridge Seven" that went to China in 1885. Of his association with C. T. Studd, Mr. Hoste has this to say. "It was my privilege to get to know him well during the six or seven years in Shansi, when his courage and singleness of purpose in the face of much difficulty made a deep impression upon me. I pray frequently for the extension of his work to other fields than that of Africa, and especially for Mr. and Mrs. Grubb in their arduous service. I trust the former may be greatly used to stir up true interest, fruitful in laborers and supporters by prayer and gifts in the U. S. A." Our readers will agree that it takes a truly great soul to so pray for a rival mission, so to speak. What an example of working together this furnishes! Need we add that the prayer of faith is being abundantly answered?

PEACE

There is a peace that cometh after sorrow,
Of hope surrendered, not of hope fulfilled;
A peace that looketh not upon tomorrow,
But calmly on a tempest that is stilled.

A peace that lives not now in joy's excesses,
Nor in the happy life of love secure;
But in the unerring strength the heart possesses,
Of conflicts won while learning to endure.

A peace there is in sacrifice secluded,
A life subdued, from will and passion free.
'Tis not the peace that over Eden brooded,
But that which triumphed in Gethsemane.

—*The Friend.*

SEARCHING WORDS

On the fly-leaf of a Bible that was being used during the momentous years in Shanghai, two clippings are pasted, one above the other, and when read are always read together. One, taken from the *North China Daily News,* is a notice of the all-day prayer meeting, January 1, 1925, on the first anniversary of The World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement. The other from a Southern church paper reads as follows: "There is no lack of talk about prayer. Insistence upon the need of it is upon human lips everywhere in so-called Christian lands. Indeed, we fear that a form of it is often used as a means of putting over unworthy schemes, shrewd manipulators knowing the appeal there is even in the semblance of it to those whom they desire to reach and enlist. In other words, a pretense of praying can be made a wonderfully effective piece of camouflage. But, while all this is true, real intercession is far too scarce. Genuineness, unselfishness, humility, faith, and a desire to have God's will done must lie at the back of every petition that avails at the Throne of Grace." These are searching words which we have not failed to apply to our every motive lest we come short of the Divine purpose, and even remotely adapt "the work of another made ready to our hand." We have never felt it to be in accordance with the purpose of God to ask that friends send requests for prayer, the very nature of this work invites such and hundreds and hundreds reach us and are daily remembered, though there is nothing of the "prayer wheel" in our method, only a simple reliance upon the Holy Spirit to bring to remembrance any who are in special need. "The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities"; and not infrequently we experience His help in a marvelous way.

CHAPTER VII

"THEY REHEARSED ALL THAT GOD HAD DONE"

ACTS 14: 27

D. E. Hoste, China Inland Mission, Shanghai, December 10, 1929.—"It has been a pleasure to receive your letter of November 8, saying that you were sending fifty circulars and prayer cards for distribution out here. I shall count it a privilege to attend to this and wish to thank you very much for kindly remembering us. I have been intending to write to you to express my thanks and appreciation of your munificent undertaking to circulate some 10,000 copies of the new life of Mr. Hudson Taylor amongst students in America and Great Britain. Since hearing of this I have been praying earnestly that the Holy Spirit will use this volume, especially in quarters where the kind of Christian truth and experience set forth in Mr. Taylor's life are little, if at all, known. The C. I. M. or any other organization is not an end in itself, but only a means to much wider and more important ends, namely the enlightenment and building up of professing and real Christians at home and elsewhere, and then the evangelization of China."

Seven years and more had passed since the publication of the World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement presentation copy of *Hudson Taylor, the Man Who Believed God* had begun traveling over land and sea, making conquests in the hearts of students and Christian laymen for advancing God's Kingdom, and we were feeling an urge, deep and compelling, to issue another missionary biography. Mr. Frederick H. Marshall has for many years acted as "a court of last resort"; and here it may not be out of place to pay tribute to this Christian gentleman, who with the oversight of a great publishing house putting out only distinctively Christian literature, and the issuing of two great weekly papers—*The Life of Faith* and *The Christian*—has lent invaluable aid to the cause of Revival according to the functioning of this Movement, as well as others. To this friend of the work we appealed. The response was warmly met, and at least two recently written books of the kind we had in mind posted for inspection. Weeks passed and these volumes did not reach us.

It was while on a business visit to New York that I stepped into the Book Room conducted by the Christian and Missionary Alliance, and while chatting with the office secretary my eye was attracted to a volume on a near-by shelf—so near that I reached out and took *C. T. Studd, Cricketer and Pioneer* in my hand. "Oh," said I, "this is something that I have wanted to read for a long time, the scraps of information about him and his work in Africa have left an impression that he is genuinely true to God, and thoroughly devoted to the work of evangelization in that continent." Then adding, under my breath, "They do say that he was very difficult to get along with." (The late Dr. A. B. Simpson's biographer says of this great man of God: "Dr. Simpson's vision swept beyond the ken of his compeers. His long hours with God furnished an atmosphere which, unconsciously to himself, alienated him from those who could not understand him. But the price was worth the paying.") This could be said of C. T. Studd and many others who will not take the path of least resistance, but deliberately choose to follow Him.

At the first opportunity I opened the book and not more than twenty pages had been read when I knew that my search for a missionary biography had been met. Knowing neither the author nor publisher, I cast about in my mind for someone who could give me help in this matter of contacting the person or persons authorized to give permission for the use we wished to make of the book, and was rewarded with a letter of recent date which furnished the first link in an almost, if not quite, endless chain of blessing according to the working of the power of His might. This letter, which was from the Rev. Barclay Buxton, founder of the Japan Evangelistic Band, and a warm friend of many years' standing, follows here:

"DEAR MRS. WOODS: May I have a copy of *By Way of Remembrance* and *Then Remembered They,* or if I might have three copies of each I would use them carefully. I have so valued the other books you have sent me."

This was written from Trinity Vicarage, Tunbridge Wells, England. We immediately dispatched a note to this address. The day was Tuesday, and the *Queen Mary* was to sail the following day. Our hope was that the appeal would reach its destination in the shortest possible time. The *Queen Mary* made the trip across the Atlantic in just five days, and on her return trip we heard

from Mr. Norman P. Grubb, the author of *C. T. Studd,* giving full and glad permission for the use we purposed making of the book. The Friend (for Mr. Buxton belongs to the Quakers) had acted with the utmost promptness. Despite the fact that he had removed from Tunbridge Wells and our letter was forwarded, it had taken just two weeks and one day for the reply to be delivered. Again and again our second-class mail has reached its destination as quickly as first class—amazing stories could be told in this connection; and many times friends have exclaimed over this, saying that just the reverse had been their experience, especially in the matter of printing. The circulation of the book began the autumn of 1936, and the reception was electrifying. Then one year later the storm broke over my defenseless head. "We feel sure that if you were aware of the true story of C. T. Studd you would not send out another book," etc., etc. One bolder than the rest said: "The book should never have been written." My attitude toward all of this was: "Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord." Extracts from two letters from Mr. and Mrs. Hubert English, who worked with C. T. Studd, reveal his true character:

"I can't tell you what it meant to us to get dear old Bwana's Life Story, (C. T. Studd). As we came out here in 1923 we saw much of him, and the lessons he taught during his life time are still very very precious to us. . . . You could never realize he was from such a wonderful home, for he refused everything of this world. If he had European food sent out to him from his loved ones, it always seemed to find a home in someone else's house, for he was always thinking of others. . . . He was truly a father to us and always spoke to us as his children. We are thankful to our heavenly Father we were ever privileged to be with him and learn more of our Saviour's love through his life. You are right when you say, 'Paralleling more nearly the life of the Apostle Paul in this respect than any other of which we know.'"

A LATER LETTER

"Dear old Bwana, the thing he did was to go too far for the Lord for some of them, but as far as I can see those who criticise another always feel the deepest wound in the end. When we get to heaven none of us will feel ashamed because we did too much for the Lord, but it will be because we did too little. It

seems to me that those who have done most for Jesus have got the most criticized, you think of 'Praying Hyde' and many more like him. My cry is that the Lord will make me like them. Yet, it seems to me that people like yourselves who get on with what you believe the Lord has told you to do, come through in the end. The Lord *vindicates* and gently rebukes the others. Praise His loving Name."

How wonderfully He vindicated His choice of this compelling missionary record we leave the reader to judge from the testimonies herewith.

"And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not." Isaiah 58: 11.

But first let us hear the other side of the story. Mr. N. P. Grubb, Author, speaking: "For years I also had seen the opportunities the States with her great population presented for world-wide evangelization. I often told Mrs. Grubb that I knew I should go to the U. S. A., but the point was that I should know the Lord's time. To go in my own enthusiasm would mean hard work and doors difficult to open. If God sent me, the openings and opportunities would be there in His own abundant fashion. What an open door it was when it came! In 1936 I received a request from Dr. and Mrs. Henry M. Woods, of Atlantic City, U. S. A., founders of the World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement, asking permission to publish the life of C. T. Studd as a gift edition to students, similar to the one published on the life of Hudson Taylor, which had been greatly used in calling out volunteers for China. Permission was given gladly and an edition of 10,000 copies soon exhausted, followed by another of 5,000. The challenge of C. T.'s life of sacrifice was tremendous throughout the country, and continual testimonies are received of lives blessed and revolutionized. Even then I had no inkling that God had anything further in this, until in 1937 I met Mrs. Woods in London. God then revealed it to both of us that the book should be followed by a visit to the U. S. A. During that ten months, mainly through Mrs. Woods' kindness, I was able to address 600 meetings, and could have taken many more had there been time. Open doors indeed!"

MY TIMES ARE IN THY HAND

Some of the doors entered by our friend had long been standing wide open awaiting a visit from me. Not until after the holidays last winter was it possible to accept such invitations and the itinerary then led through several of the large Southern cities. In Chattanooga a friend, Miss Annie Thurman, an exceptionally fine Bible Teacher, told me of a young woman who gave up a lucrative position and sold her home after reading *C. T. Studd* and was now under appointment in connection with the Sudan Interior Mission to serve in Africa. Keenly interested I expressed a wish for some word from the candidate, Verna Pullen, and in a short time received the following account of His marvelous guidance.

Exodus Chapter 23

20—Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.
21—Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him.
22—But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries.
23—For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.
24—Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works: but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images.
25—And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless.

THE SPIRIT HELPETH

You cannot learn to pray successfully by simply studying books, important as that may be; and to attempt to solve too deeply the philosophy of prayer may lead to your being confused by much learning. The teaching of Jesus on this subject was very simple and not very profuse. A soul purged by the fiery baptism of the Holy Ghost, impassioned with the love of God for lost souls, with the determination to tap this secret fountain of power, will learn the divine art under the guidance of the Holy Spirit with far greater accuracy and efficiency than it can be learned from books on the subject. "The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities." The task is not an easy one, but take courage, Christ is our intercessor, the Holy Spirit our Comforter and teacher. We can become proficient in this school of prayer.—*Rev. W. G. Bennett.*

A WIDE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MAN'S APPLAUSE AND GOD'S APPROVAL

"You must have faith in God. I am not a preacher; I am but a layman; yet I am not willing that the minister shall monopolize the blessings of Christianity, and I do not know of any moral precept binding upon the preacher behind the pulpit that is not binding upon the Christian. I am not speaking from the minister's standpoint but from the observation of everyday life when I say that there is a wide difference between the desire to live so that men will applaud you, and the desire to live so that God will be satisfied with you. Man needs the inner strength that comes from faith in God and belief in His constant presence."—*William Jennings Bryan.*

CHAPTER VIII

"THEY DECLARED THINGS GOD HAD DONE"

Acts 15:4

Miss Verna Pullen, Chattanooga, Tenn.—"Mrs. Howard McCall asked me to write you giving my testimony. If it can be used to the Lord's glory, I am glad to give it. However, I am afraid I have made it a little long. Perhaps you can cut out parts if you ever want to use it. One Sunday night, after church services, a friend handed me a book, *C. T. Studd, Cricketer and Pioneer,* telling me that he would pray for me while I read it. I began to read the book that night, and continued to read it for three days, during my spare time. At the same time I was reading the 10th chapter of Mark where Jesus was talking to the rich young ruler. I, too, had possessions I did not want to give up. I owned my home just at the foot of Lookout Mountain, and I loved the place. But the Lord continued to speak to me as I read through the book. Finally I said, 'If C. T. Studd could go to Africa when he was well up in years and in poor health, surely I could go.' I asked the Lord for a promise from His Word that He would remove the obstacles which seemed to be in my way. I arose from my knees and read down to the 27th verse in the same chapter. These words seem to stand out on the page, and the Holy Spirit said, 'Here is your promise'—'With men it is impossible, but not with God, for with God all things are possible.' The next morning I made haste to burn all my bridges behind me. I was afraid I might turn back, so I listed my property for sale, resigned my position to take effect later. I wrote letters and told everyone I thought necessary, so that I could not turn back. Opposition set in on every side. There were times when I even doubted the wisdom of my step, but I could not turn back. During the first day, after I had promised God I would go as a missionary to Africa if He so willed, I was very much afraid. I felt as if I was stepping out on nothing, but praise God I had the 'Everlasting Arms' underneath, and now I wonder just how I could have ever been afraid. After three months nothing had turned out as I had expected, and I thought I could not go to school, as my money was all tied up in my property. A friend

talked to me about faith. She said, 'The river Jordan did not turn back until the priests put their feet in the water. If you cannot take this first step in faith, how will you trust the Lord on the mission field?' I knew this was true and that I must be in Moody by the beginning of the winter term, yet I did not know where the money was coming from. A few days before I was due in Chicago, a friend called me and told me that she had been troubled about a raise she was getting. She knew the Lord would not have her use it, and the money was for me. At first I refused such an offer, but then she said I had nothing to say about the matter as it was a direct answer to prayer. The amount of her raise was exactly what I needed for my first term at school. It was a direct answer to prayer and I knew I must accept it, which I did. During my first two terms at Moody, I had to look to the Lord for practically every penny I had. Later I was able to have some of my own money, but how I praise His name for the lessons He taught me while there. I had to learn dependence on Him. He has kept His promise to me. The obstacles have been removed and I am to sail for Africa May 10, should He so will." A delay of six days in the scheduled sailing brought the date to the sixteenth, just one day before the sinking of the *Zam-zam,* May seventeenth. Effectual, fervent prayer brought every soul on board, including our friend, to the desired haven.

It was with a great amount of satisfaction we learned *C. T. Studd* had been translated into Braille and so made available for the Blind. I had had some slight contact with Miss Keller in correspondence, as the following indicates:

"Forest Hills, New York,
"December 31, 1930.

"Dear Mrs. Woods:

"Out of the night of my individual blindness has come a call —the urge of others' need. It is as persistent as the love note which the mother bird hears when her nestlings are in trouble; and I know it will never cease until the wall of darkness has been broken down for my 100,000 companions in blindness. For them, the miracle of a new dawn came with the advent of the American Foundation for the Blind, several years ago. It is bringing them courage, offering training, assuring self-respect and self-support for many thousands; and it is my ardent hope that ultimately,

with the support of influential and compassionate friends, it may lead all of my blind fellows out of their dreary isolation into a new realm of freedom and joyous activity. Will you not through the Foundation help hasten the coming of that happy day?"

"Yours in faith,
"HELEN KELLER."

Acting upon this basis of mutual interest, we asked for and obtained one copy, which suitably inscribed was sent to this remarkable woman. Her note of acceptance breathes sincere appreciation.

"WESTPORT, CONN.,
"30TH MAY, 1941.

"DEAR MR. AND MRS. WOODS:

"Miss Keller wishes me to thank you for the book, *C. T. Studd,* and the touching inscription you so thoughtfully had put into Braille. It inspires her always to read of great-souled, brother-loving men who go to subdue ignorance and savergy in the faith that 'Where the Lord is, there is liberty.' Since this heart-breaking war has to be, she prays fervently for heroes who shall prevail mightily with the Pentecost of peace and good-will upon all lands. With Miss Keller's cordial greetings, I am,

"Sincerely yours,
"POLLY THOMSON."

Miss Louise H. McCraw, Circulating Library, Richmond, Virgina (who sends forth these volumes).—"Words are entirely inadequate to express my gratitude for your interest. I only trust that each copy of each book will go its way steadily glorifying God until the coming of His Son. One lady here in Richmond called this morning and told me how much she is enjoying it. . . . She has a large Woman's Bible class in one of the Presbytrian Churches, so whatever she receives she passes on to the members of her class."

"May we hope that readers of this captivating and compelling record of achievement, many thousands of whom have testified to personal and abiding blessing through it, will interest blind friends, thereby giving a vision of even greater value than the sight of the natural eye denied them. Thus multiplying 'a thousandfold' prayers for 'Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done.' "

When the book first came out, we wrote offering copies for distribution among students to several college presidents. The Wheaton students all responded most warmly; and this letter from Miss Burgeson, secretary to Dr. Buswell, President of Wheaton College, tells something of the effect of the book upon the student body there.

"My Dear Mrs. Woods: Thank you for your letter of February fourth. Because of your kind offer we mentioned the matter again in our *Broadcaster,* with the result that all of the enclosed were received. It may be that you do not have copies enough of the book to fill all these requests, in which case more 'borrowing' of the book will have to be done. Most of these signatures were turned in with some such remark as 'I didn't realize what a wonderful book it was when the offer was made.' We are constantly hearing of the blessing it is bringing into the lives of readers. Many testify to sitting up all night to finish it because it is so fascinating. And everyone is extremely grateful to you for making this blessing possible. Last Sunday night a great company of Wheaton students rose in a meeting signifying their desire to be used of the Lord on foreign fields. (By actual count, 100.) No doubt this victory in many hearts was occasioned by the reading of *C. T. Studd.* Again thanking you for your kindness, I am."

Sometimes leaders write to us in this vein: "May I suggest that Mrs. Woods and you in connection with the World-Wide Revival Campaign emphasize the great Commission of the Lord from the standpoint of getting the gospel immediately to the unreached parts of the earth. I believe that one of the greatest incentives to revival would be to get earnest Christians who are looking for the coming of the Lord to realize that our part is to get the gospel to those who have never heard." To which we say, "Amen, and Amen."

William H. Hockman, Director Mission Study, Moody Bible Institute.—"Our missionary course usually has about two hundred enrolled. It will interest you, I know, to learn that last school year we had the privilege of adding no less than ninety-two new names to our missionary roster—this includes only those going out to foreign fields. So you can see that there is naturally quite an appetite for such good missionary literature as *The Life of C. T. Studd.*"

Dr. Robert C. McQuilkin, Columbia Bible College, Columbia, South Carolina.—"Thank you for your good letter with its very gracious offer of copies of C. T. Studd's biography. This is indeed a thrilling book. About a year ago a dear friend sent me a copy—Dr. Howitt, a son of Canon Fred Howitt. It certainly is a story to stir the missionary zeal of young people and lead them to a passionate devotion to Christ. I am afraid that a large number of the students will want to take advantage of this kind offer. I mean that I am afraid that the number will be out of proportion to what our share ought to be. May God bless you and Dr. Woods increasingly in this ministry of stirring up prayer for world-wide revival. We are deeply interested in such prayer here and are looking forward to a mighty working of the Spirit before the world is involved in another great conflict. We shall be grateful for your prayers for Columbia Bible College. Perhaps in making the announcement about the book I can emphasize the fact that the students are to read it and to make good use of it by encouraging others to read it, including young people who have not yet surrendered their lives fully to the Lord."

SOMEWHERE IN THE WEST

Graduate Princeton Seminary.—There has just occurred an upheaval in my life: I have just finished reading *C. T. Studd,* and I have been turning over and over in my mind the question, Is it possible for a Christian to live as he did? Yes, I am convinced that it is, and for me there will be no peace until I have been filled with the Spirit. With several of my Seminary friends I have been attending a "preachers prayer meeting" in ——. A group of young men from several denominations, who are dissatisfied with their ministry, are meeting weekly, for discussion and prayer. The burden of their search and prayer is that they may have the "power of the Holy Spirit" as it is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles. These meetings introduced me to the fact that I had a much further advance to make in my relationship with God. And when I read this presentation copy of *C. T. Studd* I saw the Spirit in action in a man's life. Thank you for your work in distributing this book. It has been a great blessing to me.

Former Student, Moody Bible Institute.—"Well do I remember *The Life of C. T. Studd* that I obtained from Moody a

year or so ago. Since that time I have been challenged beyond degree. How my heart goes out to those perishing without Christ. Here is a world which needs one thing only—THE LOVE OF GOD. Men dying everywhere and only a few to speak to them about Jesus the King of Kings. I write you for prayers only and those that God will give me an unfailing faith. I too am from a home of wealth, but give me Jesus any day. I too long for the foreign field, and by the grace of God I will be there. All of Satan's hosts seem to be against me now, but by the grace of God I will win. I can see but one thing, souls without Christ, and a world which is arming against God. Particularly do I love the Jews, but thank God He has scattered them all over the world, and I can say God wants me in all the fields. Yes, I too crave a revival which will spread the world over, one where God's Spirit will be truly the dynamite it is to be and that it is. I find myself waiting more and more on God, but He must act soon.

HIS CALL

"I heard the call, 'Come follow!'
That was all.
My gold grew dim,
My soul went after Him,
I rose and followed:
That was all.
Who would not follow
If they heard His call?"

ASK, AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN

God's giving is inseparably connected with our asking. He applies this especially to the Holy Spirit. As surely as a father on earth gives bread to his child, so God gives the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him. The whole ministration of the Spirit is ruled by the one great law: God must give, we must ask. When the Holy Spirit was poured out at Pentecost with a flow that never ceases, it was in answer to prayer. The inflow into the believer's heart, and His outflow in the rivers of living water, ever still depend upon the law: Ask, and it shall be given.—*Andrew Murray.*

PRAYER IN SECRET BRINGS OPEN REWARD

Much stress is laid upon corporate or united prayer, and rightly so, to bring to pass the purposes of the Lord. One of the examples most often referred to is that recorded in Acts 12, and the record there gives ground for utmost confidence in this uniting of forces.

We still have ample proof that God calls some to isolated waiting upon Him. The Lord Jesus offers the best example of this. Again and again he withdrew himself, not only from the crowds but from the inner circle of followers, that time might be spent alone with His Father to discern His will. Daniel and Nehemiah too, and others, sought God thus. The word to me when something "hidden" has needed a revelation has been: "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and . . . pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." This was particularly emphasized in the calling of Mr. Wilkes to China in 1925. Without an inkling of what He was preparing for that visit, and with no encouragement from this friend, nevertheless I was constrained to wait upon God, secretly, not a soul, even my husband, aware of the travail of soul through which I was passing to bring to pass that which had been revealed to me as the will of God. How marvelously the Holy Spirit worked has already been told in a previous book. "Oh: how great is thy goodness which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men," expresses something of the afterwards of that 'wait.' His 'reward' a glorious revival in Shanghai, which laid another cornerstone in the foundation for a world-wide work—times of refreshing from on high.

CHAPTER IX

"A SHEAF OF RIPE AND RICH GRAIN"

One of the best signs possible that the books and "Letters" have made an impact and left a deep impression upon readers is the co-operation of our "members" in furnishing the names and addresses of personal friends whom they desire to interest in the work of Revival, thus greatly increasing the circulation; and this without solicitation, for in this respect, as in that of appeals for money, we are "blameless." The spirit that has motivated the selection of every book and the compilation of every "Letter" may be expressed in the words, "When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth." This was exemplified when the author of *Simple Talks on the Holy Spirit,* Dr. D. H. Dolman, who for more than a year had been seeking to contact us with a view to securing our co-operation in a wider circulation of his compelling and illuminating book, was guided to us the summer of 1939. Something of how God honored faith is told in the testimonies which have come from all parts of this sin-sick old world.

The Southern Presbyterian Church having inaugurated a great evangelistic campaign, we were prompted to offer copies to the Chairman of the Permanent Committee, Dr. Donald Richardson, who immediately replied asking for "Pledge" cards. Because of the enormous demand for our literature, it seemed wise in this instance to issue a card reading thus: "In accepting this copy of *Simple Talks on the Holy Spirit,* which deals with the Personality and the Ministry of the Holy Spirit, especially as a Motivating Principle in the life and labor of God's children, it is with the desire to know Him more intimately and to follow His plan for my life. John 15: 26; 16: 13, 14." It will be seen at once that this is far removed from the usual pledge. To our gratification more than one thousand ministers of the Southern Presbyterian Church signed and returned the card and each received a copy of the booklet. As one wrote—"I have been appalled for years by what seems to me to be the setting aside of the Holy Spirit by so many ministers and consequently by so many church mem-

bers and Christians; in fact, the Holy Spirit is completely ignored in many services, or alluded to only casually as if He were but an influence, and not a person. I hesitate to say so, but it has seemed to me that much of the present movement in our Church for a 'revival' has the attitude that we are to do it all by energy —by carefully prepared methods and not by the Holy Spirit." We need not further enlarge upon the value of this book, which many write is the best on the subject that has ever been published, other than to attach a few of the thousands of testimonies that have reached us.

Mrs. Harvey Miller, New York.—"I have been reading about your marvelous exploits over the world! 'But the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits!' I have always wondered just what exploits meant, but now I see it is what you have done and are still doing. You see I have just found World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement 'Letter' December, 1938, and have been busy reading it, and thrilled as many of your friends say. It starts with that wonderful promise 'The Eternal God is thy refuge.' (Deut. 33: 27.) Well, I had to rest, so took it to read carefully and prayerfully. Then the one that just came, June, 1941. Beloved, you blend it all so well together that it is not one least bit tiresome, but so full of living interest. Your 'Letter' started much thinking. Just think December, 1938, as refreshing and helpful as though 1941—all those fine people who wrote you so alive."

Rev. B. Davidson, Founder and Director of The India Mission, Elyria, Ohio.—"I have read from start to finish your June copy of 'World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement,' and I wish to say I am delighted with it and find it a perfect encyclopedia of rich thought well expressed, gathered from writers all over the world. The varied sections of it show what a splendid world-wide ministry the Lord has given you, and it is bearing fruit. It is also appreciated by the best of God's people. This is a matter for profound thankfulness, and I earnestly pray that the Lord will enable you to realize to the fullest extent the rich provision He has provided for you in your fellowship or partnership with Him. Mrs. Davidson and myself unite in sending our kindest wishes to yourself and Dr. Woods."

Mrs. Caroline Atwater Mason.—"I want to thank you with all my heart for sending me this wonderful sheet of annals of

your work and the effect it is producing. It is certainly a sheaf of ripe and rich grain, and must feed the soul wherever it goes. Of course, you having long since so kindly sent me *The Life of C. T. Studd,* I can join with enthusiasm in the almost impassioned reception it has received. I thank God for workers like you, and pray that this awful specter of the downfall of Protestantism that is being raised may quickly disappear."

Miss Caroline Studdiford, Winona Lake, Indiana.—"I am sure that with the tremendous program that you have and the large amount that you spend in prayer you must realize the awful power of the enemy against you continually. On the other hand, there must be a very large number of people praying for you. How much we do need to 'Pray one for another'! Surely God is working in many hearts these days, and it may not be long before there will be a great flood-tide of blessing. I feel humbled when I think how I might have been praying through the years for this and it is only a few months since I have *really believed* for it, that is for world-wide revival. How many years you have prayed and worked and believed for it! Thank God that He gave you the vision so long ago."

Welsh Evangelist.—"I was so glad to have your circular letter, such excellent appreciations of your noble work, it seems to be a continued answer to the Prophet's prayer, opening our eyes to see that more are with us than against us. These *facts* are our comforters these days when so many things are depressing—and uplift us."

"Faith, mighty faith the promise sees
And looks to that alone;
Laughs at impossibilities,
And cries, 'It shall be done!' "

A CONCERNED SAINT, THE PLACE MIGHT BE ANYONE OF THOUSANDS SUCH IN THE U. S. A.

As I read the "Letter" again and again, the proof that the Holy Spirit is wonderfully blessing the work becomes more sure. From the neglected land of the frozen North, from the Tropics, the Islands of the Sea, from Colleges and homes, the news comes of hearts yearning for world-wide revival. Can we doubt, for a

moment, that He is moving! in all this? I gave the "Letter" with its wonderful, burning words, to the teacher of our Auxiliary Woman's Bible Class, asking her to read and stress its message, and she did so. The Holy Spirit seems to be awakening His true church, as world-signs point to the not distant glorious Coming of our Lord. I am distressed over the spiritual condition of the —— Church. From what I have known for years, it is in large measure, I believe, due to lack of surrender to our Lord in the pastors. This is not true, I know, of all, but many seem to be satisfied if things move along smoothly, as to their salaries and other local expenses, even though there are no conversions. My pastor never mentions the subject of world missions, nor the deeper spiritual experience. And in our Church papers, and, as far as I know, the necessity of the new-birth seems to be greatly forgotten. I do not remember that I have ever heard a sermon on the text, "Ye must be born again." I live in a large town and quite a number of the various denominations have large churches. I do not know their hearts, but as far as separation from the world is the rule, only a very few live separate lives. But we have God's Word to pray and not faint.

A RIVER CAN RISE NO HIGHER THAN ITS SOURCE

"A river can rise no higher than its source" were words heard again and again as I traveled from one mission station to another during the years spent in seeing missionary work at close range. These words were spoken often in a voice that told of real anguish of soul over the paucity of conversions and the general advance of a work for the Kingdom of Heaven. In view of the statement made by the friend whose letter we quote, with slight deletion, the question arises, What relation do such churches bear to the present deplorable situation on mission fields and in what measure are they responsible for the forced evacuation of so many hundreds from their chosen work, that of preaching the gospel in the regions beyond. There are those, to be sure, who under the impact of heathen conditions attain a certain degree of satisfaction in routine, such as enrollment of enlarging numbers, teaching among other things scripture memorizing, with a reward as incentive, and so forth. But the missionary who hears the call with a vision of seeing souls born again is never contented with "marking time" as it were. The Church papers are

full of regretful confessions regarding the conditions which largely obtains among the churches of all denominations. Why cannot these leaders see that the whole situation is due to neglect of the teaching of the Third Person of the Trinity and the effect to follow, in daily living, I am not saying here anything that has not been said many times by those who share in the viewpoint expressed.

"HE SAVED OTHERS; HIMSELF HE CANNOT SAVE"

"When Mary of Bethany broke the box of precious ointment and poured it on Jesus' head, it was an act for which no one else saw any occasion; the disciples said it was a waste. But Jesus commended Mary for her extravagant act of devotion, and said that wherever His gospel was preached 'this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.' Our Lord is carried beyond Himself with joy when He sees anyone of us doing what Mary did, not being set on this or that economy, but being abandoned to Him. God spilt the life of His Son that the world might be saved; are we prepared to spill out our life for Him? 'He that believeth in Me out of him shall flow rivers of living water,' that is, hundreds of other lives will be continually refreshed. It is time now to break the life, to cease craving for satisfaction, and to spill the thing out. Our Lord is asking who of us will do it for him."—*Oswald Chambers.*

REV. AND MRS.
JAMES WORBOYS

MR. AND MRS.
W. J. TUNLEY

CHAPTER X

CO-OPERATION THAT COUNTS FOR ETERNITY

G. E. Ardill, Sydney, Australia.—"We have sent out the 200 copies of *Simple Talks on the Holy Spirit* which you sent on to us. I note you have asked the publishers, Marshall, Morgan & Scott, to post us another 200 copies. Of course, with the present conditions confronting us as you say, if it be practicable, but I know that Mr. Marshall will do his best. Thank you for the copies of *Extra,* which certainly should be helpful. Quite a number of prayer meetings have been held in Sydney, some called for women (women only attending). Similar gatherings have been held in Melbourne, the capital of Victoria, the adjoining state to New South Wales. It is most interesting to learn how the papers have responded to your appeal and made possible the publication. Reciprocating your kindly wishes and assuring you that it is always a pleasure to co-operate with you."

A MESSAGE OF REFRESHMENT

Wilfred Holland, Western Australia.—"I have finished reading the copy of *Simple Talks on the Holy Spirit* sent by you through the kindness of the World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement. I am most grateful for the gift, and its message has brought much refreshment and increasing longing. I believe many young people these days are thirsting for a deeper experience and it is more likely that they will be helped by a book such as *Simple Talks* than by even evangelical ministers. How many men there are who have experienced what Dr. Dolman writes about, but today are powerless and ordinary! May the Lord bless the ministry of the book. I shall lend the copy to as many young people as possible."

ANOTHER VALUED SUPPORTER SENDS TESTIMONIES

Mr. W. J. Tunley, Honorable Director of the Queensland Evangelisation Society, Brisbane, Australia, has also been active in the circulation of the World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement

literature. Like Mr. Ardill, he has been supplied with the various books and booklets as they were issued. Some appreciations of *Simple Talks on the Holy Spirit* forwarded are given herewith:

A Missionary on Extended Furlough.—"Thank you for the book, *Simple Talks.* I read it with great pleasure and profit and have passed on the copy to a friend. The Church of today for the most part seems to have forgotten that the Holy Spirit is present in the world, and His great mission is generally overlooked. I would value two more copies to pass on."

A C. S. S. M. Worker.—"Thank you for the copy of the book, *Simple Talks* from the World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement. This will be read with great interest by my circle of friends, who I feel sure will be helped by it. May God grant a Revival to His people, and let it begin in me."

The Son of a C. I. M. Missionary.—"Thank you so much for Dr. Dolman's book. I am the Secretary of the Queensland Evangelistic Band, a company of young men seeking to glorify our Lord Jesus Christ. We are only young men, but we realize that the 'Fullness of the Spirit' is the most important thing in Christian service, and we will read this book and pray that we may learn more of His wondrous workings."

From the Far North of Queensland.—"I wish to thank you so much for that little book *Simple Talks.* It followed me to the Far North and proved to be just the help I was needing. I appreciate not only your thought in sending me a copy, but the wonderful work Mrs. Woods is doing in making such works available to others. I passed my copy on to Mrs. J. C. Galletly (nee Edwards), who has met Mrs. Woods in Shanghai."

A Christian Leader.—"I am in receipt of the book, *Simple Talks.* I am glad to know that such a useful little book is being broadcast in all Christian circles, so much misunderstanding has been gathered on the subject of the Holy Spirit's working that a clear, helpful witness, such as this, should clear up much error on this subject. I have been grieved when listening to messages on this subject and so much mystery has almost smothered the usefulness of the message. I wish I had a dozen copies to send around to my workers right now."

Sister **Marian, Deaconess, Auckland, New Zealand.**—"How can I thank you enough for *Simple Talks on the Holy Spirit,*

also for Mr. Studd's life? I was away from home three months, and books were not sent after me, so I do not know how long they have been here, but I eagerly started on the *Talks* and am going through a second time. I had been feeling ever so 'dry' after a strenuous time, too tired to read or pray with any real interest, and felt unfit to start on my Bible Circles and meetings, but now I am refreshed and am getting the messages I need to pass on, D. V. So my gratitude to you is real and deep. How I wish I had scores of this book to pass on to other needy souls, but cannot even send you a donation, my small income is dwindling so with increased taxes and rising prices. But this book seems to me likely to bring a revival wherever it goes. I will lend my copy freely."

PRAYER

"I like to feel, that though on earth we never meet,
Yet, we may hold heart-fellowship at God's dear feet,
I like to feel that in the work Thou hast to do,
That I, by lifting hands of *prayer,* may help Thee too."

Student, England.—"Some weeks ago I obtained a copy of your publication called *Simple Talks on the Holy Spirit,* by Dr. D. H. Dolman. I have been deeply moved by its simplicity, and yet its profundity is remarkable. My prayer is that this booklet might be read by every Christian. I am a native of Latvia, studying here in England. My desire is to obtain permission to translate the above booklet into the Latvia-Lettish language, trusting that the Lord will use it to many precious souls for instruction, refreshment, and bringing many to the light regarding this most important subject of the Christian faith. I shall be looking forward with expectation to hearing from you as to this matter." (The author gladly granted the request.)

Rev. Charles F. Robson, Monroe, New York.—"A friend here was good enough to let me read her copy of *Simple Talks on the Holy Spirit,* by Dr. D. H. Dolman, and I have benefited so much by reading it that I want to have a copy on my desk for frequent reference. I had the pleasure of attending the last Convention in Keswick, England, in 1939, and received a great blessing there, but God has blessed this book to me even more. It has occurred to me that if I had a few copies, say a dozen or so,

I could easily dispose of them to some of God's people attending the meetings. We have morning, afternoon, and evening sessions. If you have several copies that you could send me for this purpose I would be very grateful. But I do want a copy for my own use just as soon as you can send it to me. I should also like a copy of the book Dr. Wilbur M. Smith ordered from you, *Calling to Remembrance*. I will remit for these as soon as I receive them."

Ruth A. Woodworth, Manila Evangelistic Institute, Manila, P. I.—"Thank you ever so much for sending me the seventeen copies of *Simple Talks on the Holy Spirit,* by Dolman. Thank you too for the life of C. T. Studd. I am requiring some of my students in our Mission course to read it. This book has been an inspiration to many young people here. Our church is only a block from the University of the Philippines, so our membership is made up largely of young people. The Lord is working in hearts, and I believe He is preparing us for an outpouring of His Spirit. We are praying for a revival, and I believe we are all experiencing the beginning of it. Thank you again for the books. They are being read and circulated, and we are trusting the Lord to use them and awaken us to the need of a revival and to draw us into a closer walk in Him. May the Lord continue to make you a blessing for His glory."

C. A. Rowland, Georgia Bible Institute, Athens, Ga.—"I want to commend your 'Prayer Letter' that you got out in December. It certainly contains much that is inspiring. I wrote you the other day about one of our students of the Institute who received one of Dr. Dolman's books on *Simple Talks on the Holy Spirit* saying that no book had come into his life that had so greatly influenced his life, and another student last night asked me if I could give her another copy. The one she had received she had given to a friend of hers who did not believe in the personality of the Holy Spirit, and she would like to have another copy of her own. This book has become so popular and so many are getting a blessing from it, I was just wondering if you could send 20 or 25 more copies. Hoping that you may find that you can do so. Yours in His service."

Charles S. Bohart, Chicago, Ill.—"I thank you for the December issue of the World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement

'Letter.' I have already thanked you for the copy of Dr. Dolman's *Simple Talks on the Holy Spirit.* As I promised I am circulating it among our Bible Class—they are all impatient to read it. I wonder if you could send us just one more copy? I am glad to tell you that this class is a true Bible research group, believers in every word of the Holy Word of God. In all my varied experience I never enjoyed such a study-loving class. It would do your heart good to hear many testimonies every Sunday."

John Tsohyang Su, China—"I have read *Simple Talks on the Holy Spirit* with the greatest interest. I get many helpfulness from it. I have translated it into Chinese and going to publish it in the *Bethel* magazine, 'The Guide to Holiness.' I hope it may help many Chinese Christians in the Spiritual progress. I'm a graduate of the North China Theological Seminary. Now I'm staying in school to translate the Hebrew Lexicon to Chinese. Please pray for me and always teach me in the Word of God."

Dr. Strevig, Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. —"I thank you for all the books you have sent. I distributed them thoughtfully and I know that many of them were read in like fashion. They are like the Lord's Day in their effect, lifting one up from the drag of the days between to the mountaintop where one sees beyond the immediate environment. There is so beautiful a fellowship in all those comments. Life is there and comfort for the heart. Surely, there is a steady advance in the path you have chosen, and you have many followers. I, too, am amazed at the amount of work you accomplish. Such ability is a talent few possess, and you have truly increased it to the glory of God. Happy is the one who works his own gift and does not attempt to imitate another.

A DEFINITE TREMENDOUS RESPONSIBILITY

"We are living in momentous days; very evidently at the end of the Age. Personally, I believe that there will be another opportunity for a world-wide witness to the 'uttermost part of the earth,' and a great gathering in of many souls from tribes still unreached and even unknown. For the Song will be sung by every kindred, and tribe, and nation, and tongue—the Song of the Lamb that was slain. How can they sing unless they believe? How can they believe unless they hear? How can they hear unless someone preach the gospel to them? How can they preach except someone be sent?"

"A definite, tremendous responsibility applies to each and every one of us. May we labor with such intense earnestness to accomplish this last sign of His coming so that we shall hear Him say, 'Well done, good and faithful servant!' The disciples asked, 'What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the age?' . . . The Lord Jesus answered, 'This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.' (Matthew 24: 3, 14; Mark 13: 10)."—*R. A. Jaffray.*

CHAPTER XI

WARNING AGAINST A DANGER FORESEEN

Quite recently a friend, member of one of the large independent foreign missions, wrote: "A very important thing is that when the Revival comes, can we stand it? Do we know what to do with it? A revival came to one district out here, and some actually opposed it." Anticipating this very danger we published a warning in *By Way of Remembrance* printed some ten years ago, which we venture to repeat here because of its application to the question raised by this friend.

LENGTHENING AND STRENGTHENING

The old prophet long ago set forth a fine truth when he exhorted God's people to 'lengthen their cords and strengthen their stakes' (Isaiah 54: 2).

The idea is that we must at once develop both outwardly and inwardly. The Spirit of God would bless in like proportion in the work and in the worker. The danger is lest a great revival, such as we are ever praying for, should come and find us unprepared to receive it; as the draught of fishes from the Lord not only broke Peter's nets, but threatened to sink both his and his partner's boats (Luke 5: 1, 2).

May we, as the Lord's servants, grow in grace and develop in our spiritual lives, even in proportion as the work which He has committed to us enlarges and increases. May the strengthening of the stakes be commensurate with the lengthening of the cords, lest our tent in a sudden storm be wrecked, and come to grief. May the 'inward workings' of the Holy Spirit in our hearts subduing us to His will and perfecting us in holiness, be compatible with the outward blessing in the work for which we long and pray. Paul said, "I labour . . . striving according to His inword working which worketh in me mightily" (Col. 1: 29).

We hear much about the Welsh revival 1904-5. On my frequent visits to Britain I have usually spent some time in Wales (Revival as it were being the very breath of my nostrils) near the

scene of that great awakening; and having talked with numbers of eye-witnesses, some intimately connected with the work, my conclusion is that two things defeated the purpose of God for a much wider spreading of the revival fires—the exaltation of man, and the opposition of Christians who deliberately chose to remain outside the zone of blessing. In other words, that hateful thing jealously crept in and silenced the music of His voice. This has always been so, and always will be until the Holy Spirit is allowed to work independently of man, no man having a place of preëminence in the furthering of His work of grace.

From many sources, especially those on mission fields, we hear that revivals are taking place, not according to methods used in so-called Christian countries outworn and therefore almost powerless which so often end in disappointment and dearth of converts, but a "new thing" not attributable to any human being or personality but to the working of the Holy Spirit. "It is the letter that killeth, the Spirit giveth life." Miracles are taking place among those who have sat too long in darkness and the shadow of death because the Church, God's appointed agent for the preaching of the gospel ("Go ye . . . lo, I am with you . . .") has neglected her privilege and responsibility.

Opposition inspired by the adversary of souls will always be one of the features of true Holy Ghost Revival. It was so in Wesley's time. Whitefield suffered in the same way. Jonathan Edwards was the target of the bitterest criticism, amounting to persecution. The great Zinzendorf said "At the Cross, Satan was defeated, but not dead and today as always wages the most vigilant remorseless war against true righteousness."

ALL DOWN THE AGES

The Christian, London, recently published an article entitled, "The Revival That Never Stopped," on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the death of John Wesley. To John Wesley historians give the credit for a revival in Britain that prevented the country from something akin to the French Revolution with all its horrors. We read in this article: "Up and down the country from Land's End to the North of Scotland, and fifty times across the Irish Channel, this traveling evangelist penetrated remote districts and busy towns, fulfilling his ideal of the

'whole world' as his parish." Wesley and his horse were a familiar sight. For nearly half a century he continued his journey, covering 250,000 miles, preaching 40,000 sermons, and writing more than 200 books, besides "having the care of all the churches." It was a noble and glorious work, but one that brought with it persecution, and scorn, which only the elect are able to endure. He accepted his lot with apostolic resignation, if not indeed with joy that he was accounted worthy to suffer for Christ's sake. In addition to these outward afflictions, Wesley had another burning cross to bear, he married a widow utterly ill-suited for one whose work occasioned long absences from home. She did not hesitate to spread abroad her complaints and even falsifying documents. On one occasion Charles learned that she had put several letters into the hands of the *Morning Post* for publication, and he urged his brother to proceed at once to intercept them. "No," said John, "when I gave myself up to serve the Lord, I never made any reserve as to my purse, my person, my time, my talents, or my reputation, but surrendered them all to God." In the opinion of Spurgeon "this was gloriously well said." Spurgeon could sympathize, for he was maligned during the whole of his lifetime as a preacher, and both were following their Master, who "made himself of no reputation" (Philippians 2: 7).

THE SHANGHAI REVIVAL

"That wonderful work of grace" so called by one identified with it, Rev. J. B. Thornton, was not exempt from the malady of evil speaking. Some who should have upheld by prayer, if unable to actively participate in the meetings were ready to criticize and belittle—thus grieving the Holy Spirit. The early Church had the same to contend with—"But when divers were hardened, and spake evil of that way." Acts 19: 9. Nevertheless the meeting closed on a high note of heavenly approval. At the close of that last great day, one memory stands out more vivid than all others. "Many will rise up to call you blessed in that day" words uttered by Miss Martha Jewell. We never met again, but those words have rung in my ears to stimulate to fresh endeavor when things seemed, and were, beyond human endurance and the power of accomplishment.

A sympathetic onlooker, though somewhat skeptical, registered his reaction in these words. "Do these people really believe that this (the Revival) will actually spread throughout all the world?" And that is just what the Holy Spirit meant it should do, not according to man's preconceived idea of "revival" but in the "quiet, unobtrusive" way the Holy Spirit has led. And today there are literally thousands of prayer groups, inspired to begin and continue in intercession and supplication, "That men may know that thou, whose name alone is Jehovah, art the most high over all the earth" (Ps. 83: 18). And testimonies to His working, in small hamlets and country places as well as larger communities, are constantly being received.

THOUGH SUNDERED FAR

To illustrate this point, a touching incident of interest aroused through the literature came from Miss Cunningham, a missionary under the Christian and Missionary Alliance whose station is in the far interior of China. When the book *Calling to Remembrance* reached her she called together the converts to Christianity under her charge, and from it read some chapters. As they listened to the record of His wonderful working in other parts of the world, in recent years, the tears began to flow down their faces, some seamed and careworn, and they begged that she would write and ask that they be enrolled among the "members" of the World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement, who pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit the world over.

AROUND ONE COMMON MERCY SEAT

Dr. H. A. Becker, Guatemala, Central America—"While still in Patzicia which I left in 1936 I received copies of the heartening book *The Half Can Never Be Told.* Since that date I have been engaged in an evangelistic campaign among the Indians of Eastern Guatemala, which still continues. Many have listened with attention to the Gospel and have carried the light into their far away homes in the mountains. Just now we are reaching great crowds of heathen Indians in the large plaza on Sundays and through my Indian helper Crecencio in his evangelistic work on the roads. Recently he was able to reach more than one hundred by personal evangelism. I have just

received the folder for June and praise God for the cheering news therein contained of answers to prayer. I have like others been encouarged by reading *The Life of Charles T. Studd* whose self-sacrifice has given me new zeal. I notice that you put out a book *Simple Talks on the Holy Spirit* which no doubt is very inspiring and which I should be glad to read."

Mrs. George Winn, Korea.—"Your 'Letter' is just at hand. It is a Union Epistle!—heart-strengthening in these days when sometimes it seems as if there is little at-one-ment even among those who testify that they have accepted the great Atonement! The past year has been the most trying of our more than thirty years on the mission field, and it has only been by forgetting those things which are behind (good as well as bad, lest comparisons tempt to discouragement and lack of faith), and living in His joy hour by hour that it has been lived through. I like your motto, 'NO COMPROMISE—NO CONTROVERSY' [and, we add, NO COMPETITION]. Thanking you for keeping us on your mailing list."

The last of the three "No's" is by no means the least. The work of the World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement is conducted on such lines as to put it in a class alone, and therefore precludes the remotest possibility of competition. Conflict is something else, and we know the meaning of "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, etc." If it be true that Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees, what must happen when literally thousands of God's choicest saints are pleading daily for the souls for whom Christ died, and to this end pleading day and night for Revival in the members over which He is HEAD?

DELIVERED

"Days of Prayer for the nations have been called, but what is the use of praying if we go on living in the same careless, indifferent, and godless manner as before, and do not first renounce the national and individual sins that separate our nation and the individual from God? On the Last Day of National Prayer, crowds thronged the churches, leaving their clubs and bags in the porch while they went to pray. Where are they today? This is a form of hypocrisy that only can make Hell laugh and Heaven groan. A friend of mine was traveling from Queensland to Sydney by boat; the captain called them together for prayer; immediately after he called them together for two hours of gambling.—*The Advent.*"

Conditions as above described are indeed deplorable, to put it but mildly, and are by no means confined to one country or people. At such times it is good to remember the words of the poet—"What's done we partly may compute, But know not what's resisted." That the true spirit of prayer is abroad is an indisputable fact, that there still remains much land to be possessed is another undeniable fact. Then let us continue to "Watch and work and pray, The battle ne'er give o'er, Renew it boldly every day, And strength divine implore."

CHAPTER XII

THE BUSINESS ANGLE

We often hear it said "that God is interested in the minutest detail of our lives," and with all confidence we can affirm the truth of this in practical ways that contribute to the working out of His purpose. His eye has ever been upon our efforts to carry out His plan. "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show Himself strong in behalf of those whose heart is perfect toward Him." 2 Chron. 16: 9. The business angle has been very specially His care. Someone exclaimed when discussing some of the problems that constantly arise, "Why, I supposed that all you did was to hand out books" suiting the action to the word by picking up an imaginary volume and extending the hand. Nothing could be further from the actual.

A missionary from China, who with her husband and family, numbering eight, visited us some years ago left this doggerel in our "Guest Book": "The Henry Woods' have got the goods, they work with might and main. We've et their pie and said good-bye and hope to come again." And this, I may add in parenthesis, (the production of a really gifted poetess). The Christian cannot divorce the spiritual from the practical, all we do is sacred in the sight of the Lord when the work is done as unto Him and not unto man: faith and works go hand in hand." James 2: 17.

Said a college student who mops floors to pay tuition: "The chief value of mopping is the spiritual value the moppers themselves get out of it." This young man had caught the true meaning of "the dignity of labor."

One of the marks of His special approval—and by no means the least of our blessings—is the fine coöperation of both publishing houses, that of Marshall, Morgan & Scott, London, England, and The Evangelical Press, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. We can rely upon the unfailing support of these great printing establishments. Something of the relationship with the London firm may be gathered from the letter that follows:

"JANUARY 2, 1941.

"DEAR MRS. WOODS:

"You will, I am sure, be exceedingly sorry to hear that our business premises were demolished in the terrible enemy raid on London on Sunday night last. Practically the whole of Paternoster Row, Paternoster Square, and Paternoster buildings, together with surrounding property, have been wiped out. Fire and high explosive bombs have done their work all too well. We have, of course, made temporary arrangements for carrying on our business without any break at all. I am afraid that your two reprints of *Simple Talks on the Holy Spirit* and *The Half Can Never Be Told,* were all at Paternoster Buildings and were, therefore, destroyed by fire, nearly 3000 of each. We shall immediately make the necessary arrangements to replace the stock of the two books in question at our own expense if we fail to get an insurance payment. We cannot let your great work suffer. Not only this, but we value so highly all the confidence you have shown in us by the business you have intrusted to us in the past, and, naturally, we want this to continue without a break. It is at a time like this that one discovers how many friends they really have. As early as the morning after the raid, friends came forward with offers of help, office accommodation and other very practical expressions of sympathy. . . ."

COÖPERATION IN CONCRETE FORM

MAY 2, 1941.

DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST:

I wish to thank you for the messages you continue to send out and especially two booklets, lately received from Messrs. Marshall, Morgan & Scott, namely—*The Half Can Never Be Told, Simple Talks on the Holy Spirit.* Both books have been a great blessing and surely the first named has a vital message for today. When we look around us at the widespread destruction and suffering on the one hand and on the other a wave of materialism and neglect of the things of God, one is sometimes inclined to think that revival is out of the question. However *The Half Can Never Be Told* assures us that conditions have no control over the Holy Spirit and His work—indeed, "where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." He Who gave the great Re-

vivals in the 19th and early 20th century has assured us "That the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save, nor His ear heavy that it cannot hear." May He continue to bless you in all your labours for Him and may the peace of God guard your hearts. Yours in love, R. H. P.

Through the medium of the two widely read weeklies *"The Life of Faith"* and *"The Christian,"* both owned and published by this firm, and both encyclopedias of missionary work, the literature has been scattered far and wide, thousands on mission fields in isolated posts have been reached and their lives enriched and zeal intensified. "Leave God to order all thy ways, and trust in Him." When we do this it is not necessary to "cultivate" friendships or use other expedients to further a work. The Evangelical Press has been no less in sympathy with the purpose of the work. From both plants the books are sent out direct. This method of handling the vast output came as a "revelation" as we waited to see what He would say, when confronted with this very real problem. We had been taking five, ten, twenty-first editions, now the demand indicated even a larger number, forty thousand. Realizing to dispatch from headquarters, 5 South Oxford Avenue would be an enormous undertaking, necessitating additional secretaries, enlarged quarters for storing, etc., that we sought unto Him for the solution. We visualized trucks backing up to our door, depositing contents, then reloading, bales of wrapping paper and other incidentals to the dispatch of "these silent but potent evangelists," all passed before the mind's eye in a steady disturbing march. We had not long to wait before His plan was revealed and we at once communicated with the firms mentioned, asking if it would be feasible for them to post copies either in quantities or singly direct from their plants. Both assented and during all the years following this method has worked like a charm, very much of such detail being gratuitous. So that with all confidence we can say "This also cometh forth from the Lord of hosts, Who is wonderful in counsel and excellent in working (Isaiah 28: 29).

Practically the only item we have had to deal with except sending "orders" which come here, is the monthly statement for postage or express, as the case may be. When a new and large book, such as the missionary biographies mentioned in this volume, has gone in quantities to Inter-Varsity secretaries and

other Christian workers in lands afar, and single copies to countless others, the expense of dispatching has amounted sometimes to $100.00 and more per month. Providentially funds for such expenses were then in hand. Now it is different, but we adhere to the "contract" with our covenant-keeping God, made in the very beginning. When funds intrusted are no longer sufficient for expenses directly connected with the dissemination of such literature as God has put it into our hearts to "broadcast," if no other way is provided, we shall "assuredly gather" that He has some better thing for us. It may be the closed door and secret place. His way is perfect.

In conversation with one of the "chief men" at the Evangelical Press, I said that no doubt they found me rather difficult to deal with, and he replied, "you would not think so if you could overhear what is said, especially in the Accounting Department. A frequent remark is, 'If only everyone paid their bills as promptly as Mrs. Woods does, etc.' "

We never "run into debt." If funds are not in hand to meet an obligation, no matter how small, we go without. The great prince of preachers, Rev. Charles Haddon Spurgeon has this to say on the subject of indebtedness and with him we agree one hundred percent:

WHAT SPURGEON SAID ABOUT DEBT

"Debt is so degrading that if I owed a man a penny, I would walk twenty miles in the depth of winter, to pay him, sooner than feel that I was under obligation. Poverty is hard, but debt is horrible. We may be poor but yet respectable, but a man in debt cannot even respect himself. An honest man thinks a purse full of other people's money to be worse than an empty one. He cannot bear to eat other people's cheese, wear other people's shirts, and walk about in other people's shoes. "Cut your coat according to your cloth" is sound advice; but cutting other people's cloth by running into debt is as like thieving as fourpence is to a groat. Debtors can hardly help being liars, for they promise to pay when they know that they cannot, and when they have made up a lot of false excuses they promise again, and they lie as fast as a horse can trot."

Miss Althea Todd, who as the "miss" indicates is among the number someone has called "the salt of the earth" was an ardent

supporter of the meetings the summer of 1925, and has ever since been an inspiring co-worker. In a letter some years ago now, she sent this uplifting quotation which has been as a tonic to the spirit ever since. "Nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer, except that which lies outside the will of God."

We feel certain that unpaid obligations come within the realm of "the will of God" and as our only recourse is prayer in such cases, we constantly remember to ask that the many dollars owed, some obtained under rather shady pretenses and others promised, maybe forthcoming, for the aggregate sum would go far to furnish "such literature" as we send forth. Especially have we in mind soldiers and sailors, many of them desperately lonely and in a condition of mind to give heed to things eternal. The Chaplains contacted agree that "Some of the most effective work to be done among soldiers in the Army is through judicious use of good religious literature." The Cause is the only explanation we give in making this statement of the unpleasant but actual, and we feel certain of understanding hearts and help prayerfully given.

BITTER WITH THE SWEET

Another instance of ruptured confidence here comes to mind and is also another proof that we do something besides just "handing out books." One of our greatest recreations is that of having in our home—not entertaining—the servants of the Lord; like Mr. Norman Grubb and his secretary who were here for many weeks, Dr. and Mrs. Worboys of Australia at different times and for prolonged periods, Mr. Kung Sam Lee of the China Christian Broadcasting Association, who breezed in and out at his own convenience, and our pleasure, Dame Christabel Pankhurst, the former militant Suffragette, now among the most ardent of Pre-Millinarians advocates, and many others so that we have been classed among those "given to hospitality." In one case, happily the only one, we were definitely disappointed in our guests, who having been let down none too gently by their sponsor, literally threw themselves on our mercy and by word of mouth admitted their present and future had been so uncertain that many nights they had walked the streets until the wee hours. We fear our hospitality in this instance was sadly betrayed. There is an old saw that "misery loves company" and this brief statement will meet the eyes of some who have been like sufferers.

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

"There's a holy, high vocation
Needing workers everywhere;
'Tis the highest form of service,
'Tis the ministry of prayer.

. . . . . .

"There's no weapon half so mighty
As the intercessors bear;
Nor a broader field of service
Than the ministry of prayer.

"Do you long to see the millions,
Who are perishing today,
Snatched as brands plucked from the burning,
Do you long, yet seldom pray?

"Are you longing for revivals
In the good old-fashioned way?
We must use old-fashioned methods—
Which have always been to pray.

. . . . . .

"Come and join the intercessors!
Laurels, then, some day, you'll wear;
For there is no higher service
Than the ministry of prayer."

—*Annie Lind Woodworth.*

CHAPTER XIII

THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER

One of Dickens' unforgettable characters, "Aggeravayter" was in her husband's reprobate life a constant thorn in his "guilty" flesh; and his frequent references to the attitude she was almost continually found to be in, that of prayer, was "She's at it agin." Sometimes it would seem that I have a close affinity with "Aggeravayter," for most people remember me in an attitude of prayer. As I was attending an "Overcomer" prayer meeting in London, a lady approached me at the close and said, "Mrs. Woods, you probably will not remember me, but when last we met it was in your drawing room in Shanghai, and together we knelt in prayer for revival." Some years before this Dr. Charles E. Hurlburt, General Director of the African Inland Mission, wrote: "Out of the many memories of your relation to our work, for all of which we praise God, there arises one in which on a day of prayer which was likely to be interrupted by rain, at your suggestion we again all knelt in the open field and prayed God to hold back the rain, which He graciously did. The remembrance of this has been both a rebuke and a great encouragement to prayer through all the years and I thank God for you and for this memory."

LAID DOWN

One of my last "laid down" activities was that of the Secretaryship to the Dohnavur Fellowship, begun in February, 1923, after my first visit there. The last contact I had with missionary work before leaving India, having spent some fifteen months traveling from Bombay to Burma and Kashmir to Ceylon, was made with a notable work carried on by Miss Amy Wilson Carmichael and her colleagues, The Dohnavur Fellowship in the Tinnevelly District at the extreme end of South India. The long trip by train, bus, and ox cart was an arduous undertaking in those days, now nearly twenty years ago. The guidance in this, as in countless instances, was unmistakable; and the works following supported the confidence in His leading. With Dr. Woods a second visit to Dohnavur was my pleasure, on the round

world trip in 1926. For the next ten years I furthered this important work by every means within my power, and it was only because Miss Carmichael pleaded for continuance of my service that it was not relinquished earlier. The extract which follows is from one of her books and throws light on the relationship which existed before the office was turned over to another.

"FOR THE HOLIDAY FUND"

"But even after all these years the letter that came at breakfast was a surprise. Can one ever get accustomed to these blessed, these tenderest ways of the Lord? It is not just kindness, it is loving-kindness. The letter was from one who had spent a day with us on her way to Ceylon. The letter had been posted three days before in Colombo. In it was a draft for one hundred dollars and crossed at the foot of the draft was written in bold, clear writing—I can see it now—'For the holiday fund.' Telepathy? But the question of holidays had not been touched while she was with us. I had not thought of them till that morning. Can telepathy work backwards? Are three days nothing in it? Oh, it is only to the Lord our God, King of Eternity, that questions of time matter nothing at all. And this began a ministry (one of several 'side issues') that continued many years and was at last reluctantly 'laid down.' "

IN THAT INSTANT (Luke 2: 38)

Reference is made to this in *Long Distance Calls.* It is enough to say here that the letter had been written and the check signed, ready for enclosure, when my eye fell upon the blank space at the left and almost involuntarily "For the Holiday Fund" was written on the line. "I am the Lord, I change not."

"DOHNAVUR,
"TINNEVELLY DISTRICT,
"SOUTH INDIA."
"APRIL 23, 1930.

"MY DEAR FRIEND:

"When I think of you I see you on your knees in our guest room. Do you remember? I had asked you, or was wondering if I might ask you (I don't remember which) whether you

would be our dear American secretary. And I had gone over to the guest room about this matter. I remember your hesitation, for which I did not then know the reason, but I knew that you would be shown what His thought was. And we wanted no other. I want to thank you now for the years of loving coöperation, especially about the books. Will you sometimes take The Widow of the Jewels into your prayers, and Raj? 'But' has a word for many, but it is not the word those who most need it want. So we must work behind by prayer for it. How utterly lovely about that friend whom you were used to lead into the open land of prayer! We shall join with you in praying about the 'Hudson Taylor' book. What a harvest that seed may bring forth, it is solemn to think of it. We are very close to the C. I. M. as you know. Their witness shines.

"In love ever,

"Amy Wilson Carmichael."

THREE OF THE FORBIDDEN THINGS

Some years ago the Fundamentalist Association met in one of the Eastern cities. Enthusiasm waxed strong to start a nation-wide campaign for revival. A large number of prominent Christian men, many internationally known, identified themselves with the movement. We learned of the project through a long-distance call urging attendance. Again and again we were invited to meet with the friends, but each time we had a previous engagement. When the project was well crystallized, with many impressive names on the list of sponsors, a representative was selected to wait on us in person and if possible induce us to join in the proposed project. When after the display of a list of well-known names, we still remained of the same opinion, our guest asked, "Do you not think this is right?" We could only reply, "It is not for us to determine what you and others do; we believe in giving to others the right of exercising the liberty we wish accorded to ourselves. The one thing required of us is to know what God would have us do."

During the conversation that followed, much was made of a series of luncheons that had preceded the discussions, whereupon Dr. Woods said, "Would it not be well to save the money spent in this way and apply it to the necessary preliminary expenses

of the plan you are trying to put into operation?" To this our guest replied, with a rather doleful nod, "I must confess that I have been greatly disappointed in the trend of affairs." Measuring his thumb from first joint to nail he continued, "There has been so much prayer," and then slowly reaching to his shoulder "and so much talk." In other words, something like an inch of prayer and a yard of talk—what a commentary! We have been asked again and again to join others engaged in furthering Revival, but have consistently remained a separate entity. To link with organized efforts would involve endorsing appeals for money, and this would seriously conflict with the principle upon which this Movement has operated from the beginning. Then again, all others emphasize Revival, while this is distinctively and definitely a movement to enlist prayer, and by prayer release forces that will bring down power from on high in demonstration of Holy Ghost energy.

THE INDEPENDENT BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Early one morning, now a number of years ago, a special delivery letter was received. It proved to be an invitation to accept charter membership on the then being formed new Board. Dated May 16, 1933, an excerpt from the letter will suffice for our purpose. "I am writing you because the urgency of the foreign missionary situation in the Church requires immediate action at this General Assembly and because a group of us in Philadelphia believe that your help is essential. I am addressing you as one whose devotion to the Everlasting Gospel is known and resolute. . . . Though the name of one individual is signed to this letter, this appeal comes to you from a group of earnest men who love the Gospel, who want to rescue the missionary enterprise of the Church. . . . Will you permit your name to be used as a member of the (Tentative Board) to be named if the Assembly votes Modernistic, etc., etc." A certain reticence forbids giving the full contents of the letter. Being still in the flesh it is no use denying that such recognition does not make an appeal but after prayerful consideration I declined the honor. "Much water has run under the bridge" since that day, and many changes have taken place, but the good work goes on attended with blessing, we believe.

"TENTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
"17TH AND SPRUCE STREETS,
"PHILADELPHIA, PA.,
"MAY 4, 1937.

"MRS. HENRY WOODS,
"5 S. OXFORD AVENUE,
"VENTNOR, N. J.

"DEAR MRS. WOODS:

"In the last three issues of our magazine, *Revelation,* we have published the testimonies of three Admirals and three Generals in the British Army. If you have seen these, you will know what remarkable testimonies they are from men so high in the service of His Majesty.

"When I first discussed the possibility of getting these testimonies, it was with Admiral Sir Harry Stileman at Keswick almost two years ago. It took more than a year to get the manuscripts together but they are now published.

"It was our thought from the first that it would be a wonderful piece of evangelization to get these testimonies into the hands of the officers of the United States Army and the United States Navy. It is our desire, therefore, to have a very finely printed edition on good paper and a nice paper cover, and to have a copy sent free to every officer in the United States Army and Navy and to all the cadets in Annapolis and West Point and to every officer in the United States Marine Corps.

"I know that you have been very much interested in circulating the Word of God and various books in connection with the gospel. I am writing to present this matter to you for prayer and consideration. I believe it is a great opportunity to get the Word of God into the hands of the several thousand men who are the officers of our military and naval forces.

"They are largely an unreached group. They have all of them been in that official life since the end of their teens when they were appointed to Annapolis or West Point.

"Will you tell me what you think of the idea and if you feel that the Lord would have you have some part in it? In case you have not seen the last three issues of *Revelation,* I am having copies sent to you under separate cover.

"With kindest regards to Dr. Woods and yourself, I am,

"Yours most sincerely,

(Signed) "DONALD GRAY BARNHOUSE."

PROVE ME

"Get under the windows of heaven,
The richest of blessings are there;
God sends you word they are open
In answer to your deep prayer.
He saw you in long night watches,
He heard your heart-breaking cry,
He noted the tears that were falling,
He feels every sob, every sigh.

"Now He says, 'Prove me, my children,
I see the tithes are brought in,
I see you are counting on Calvary
To cleanse and to keep you from sin;
Get under the windows of heaven,
Bend low, I will pour upon you
The mightiest, most blessed revival
The men of this world every knew.' "

—*Mary Warburton Booth.*

CHAPTER XIV

TWO REDEEMED SINNERS

The June, 1940, World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement "Letter" contained three contributions from widely different points that stirred interest in our well being to such an extent that it seemed the part of wisdom to add thereunto. Dr. Addison Hogue, Washington, D. C., wrote: "What a wonderful work you two redeemed sinners are doing to show forth the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. . . . The knowledge of that light you are spreading far and wide. You must need several Secretaries to keep up with your mail. I too join you in prayer for a full and rich blessing on all your work for Him." Then added to this Dr. Hugh H. White, Editor of the *China Fundamentalist,* wrote, "A recent letter (June, 1939) from Dr. and Mrs. Henry M. Woods gives inspiring quotations from letters about the literature being sent by the World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement. These letters are from seventeen of the United States, from Britain, Burma, India, South America, Australia, Sweden, Uruguay, Africa, Syria, Peru and the Philippines, Poland, the Eskimoes, British Guiana, Latvia, Singapore, and China." From one of our best friends, Mr. Frederick Kehl, Calcutta, India, "Your circular Letter of December has just arrived and we are thrilled. Four pages and with a total of 6,262 words . . . not only are our hearts stirred in reading the telling testimonies from all parts of the world, but they show an ever increasing heart burden in 'this wonderful eleventh-hour movement' as one of God's Remembrancers has called it." "Only this and nothing more" stirred hearts and led to many expressions of concern for extra help—we having stated that the "staff" consists of "but one Secretary" and this led to further "revelations." The June "Letter" 1941 contained additional illumination under the caption

"A UNIQUE INSTRUMENT OF SPIRITUAL AWAKENING"

The fact that we have "but one Secretary" has excited both surprise and increased prayerful interest. We feel that it will be

"a word in season" to explain how, with so small a "force" a world-wide ministry is accomplished. There is ample proof that this is a "Unique Movement." "Which knows neither plan nor pledge, but only the Spirit's breathing through the Living Word into the listening hearts of believers." *(Sunday School Times.)* This only I would add, that for the past ten years, when it was discovered that my husband was a diabetic and required a strict diet (the disease has been largely overcome we are happy to say), I have held the post of "chief cook" in order to prepare his food according to Doctor's orders—I trust this may be an added faggot increasing the flames of intercession.

Invitations to act on "Boards" both home and foreign, some of which were accepted, have in these later years been "laid down." "This one thing I do" has become our watchword, anything else is a side-issue. Sometimes the renunciations have been made at no small cost to personal desire. None more so than the invitation here given as a concrete example. By way of preface, I may mention the Kashmir-Ludihana Fellowship includes in its membership some one hundred women, prominent in Church and social activities in New York and environs, Philadelphia and one representative in Ventnor to whom the letter was addressed. The writer a collaborator with the late Miss Katherine Mayo, author of "Mother India."

"MAAIKENSHOF,
"BEDFORD HILLS, NEW YORK,
"APRIL 20, 1938.

"DEAR MRS. WOODS: After various talks with Mrs. McRoberts and other members of the Executive Committee of the Kashmir Fellowship, we are all agreed that we very much want you to become our Chairman. I can hear you say that you do not live in New York, and, therefore, the meetings would be difficult for you to handle, but as we are now organized, we have an Executive Committee to help you; and I, as Vice-Chairman, can organize the meetings and relieve you of the technical work of finding a hostess and sending out the invitations for the meetings. We want you for our inspirational leader and to carry on the spirit of the work so beautifully and lovingly started by Mrs. McRoberts. Do please say that you will serve as Chairman, at least for the present. It would be so reassuring to know that you were

standing by. Hoping and praying that I may hear favorably from you and with the assurance that you will have a committee anxious to help you, believe me.

"Sincerely yours,
"M. Moyce Newell."

I WILL SHOW THEE HIDDEN THINGS

One other reason for the resisting urge in this instance and others recorded in this small volume is that we may be prepared for that which He is preparing, as yet, something we know not of, which will require all possible time and strength, of spirit, mind and body to discharge in a manner acceptable to Him. Certainly heart response is not lacking, nor willingness. "Every step of the onward way is a sweet and glad surprise." I still (very still I fear) continue membership on two or three organizations for the reason that by paying a "lump sum" I became a life member. In this evil and adulterous generation and the changes in personnel that come with the passing of time, it becomes more and more difficult to fellowship with many so-called Christian enterprises.

"My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness."

EXTRA—SPECIAL

July, 1940

"Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be Strong, fear not; behold your God."—Isaiah 35: 4.

"Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many: and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the Lord."—Isaiah 31: 1.

It is because of the extreme gravity of the present situation among the Nations of the world, and the urgency to give ourselves unto prayer, "THE GREATEST FORCE ON EARTH," that this appeal is sent to friends of the World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement: for while we here in America are exempt from earthly warfare, at least for the present, we are not freed from responsibility. "Prayer must be considered as a warfare. . . . Prayer is really opposing a great spiritual force to the onslaught of evil and asking God to put into operation the work

done by His Son on the Cross, which was not only the redemption of man, but the defeat of the prince of this world."

For many years we have been seeking to mobilize prayer for world-wide Revival and today thousands are enlisted in this all-important service. Many attempts have been made to influence our President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, to appoint a National Day for prayer with humiliation (see December, 1939, "Letter"). We urge every person who receives one of these appeals, to write a personal note to the Congressman representing their district; and further, we suggest that every pastor read this communication, in part or the whole, to his congregation, and secure as many signatures to it as is possible, the joint letter to be sent direct to the President of these United States.

"If my people which are called by My Name will humble themselves and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."—2 Chronicles 7: 14.

May 26th, 1940, was designated by King George of England as a National Day of Prayer throughout the Empire. As we entered Church that Sunday morning, a friend said, "Did you hear King George and his proclamation this morning for a Day of Prayer?" We seldom turn on the radio on Sunday and I replied, no. She then said "Conditions are terrible and we here in America may expect the same as prevail abroad unless God intervenes." Naturally my mind had dwelt upon this to some extent and as we left the Church I said to my husband, I think I will not eat dinner, I'll fast and pray with the British people. He signified his willingness to do the same and we each separately spent the day in waiting upon God. During the hours of quiet I was reminded of a pamphlet which had been lying in a pigeonhole of my desk for more than a year. Reading it I was deeply impressed with the conquests therein recorded.

COMPANIONSHIP

I closed the door and turned the key,
And spread my book upon my knee,
But though I pondered well that lore,
I ended wanting something more.

I called a comrade friend to share,
My quiet room; his speech was fair,
His spirit high, his vision wide,
But I was still unsatisfied.

Then in the silence, all alone,
My soul rose up to claim her own
Inviolable right to be,
O Father, face to face with Thee.

—Leslie Pinckney Hill.

ACCOUNTING THAT GOD WAS ABLE

"All God's saints have been weak men who did great things for God because they reckoned on His being with them. The man who holds God's faith will dare to obey Him, however impolite it may appear. Abraham held God's faith and offered up Isaac, accounting that God was able to raise him up. There is hardly ever complete silence in the soul. God is whispering to us well-nigh incessantly. Whenever the sounds of the world die out in the soul, or sink low, then we hear the whispering of God. He is always whispering to us, only we do not hear His voice because of the noise, hurry, and distraction which life causes as it rushes by."—*F. W. Faber.*

"And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake: and after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice." (1 Kings 19: 11, 12.)

THE MORE SPIRITUAL AN EXERCISE THE MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE FLESH

"It is far easier to fight against sin in public, than to pray against it in private. It is remarked that Joshua never grew weary in the fighting, but Moses did grow weary in the praying. The more spiritual an exercise the more difficult it is for the flesh to maintain it. Let us cry then for special strength, and may the Spirit of God, who helpeth our infirmities, as He allowed help to Moses, enable us, like him, to continue with our hands 'steady until the going down of the sun.' Intermittent supplications avail little, we must wrestle all night and hold up our hands, 'until the going down of the sun.' "

CHAPTER XV

WHO WON THE WAR?

ANSWERS TO PRAYER AND CONFESSION IN MODERN TIMES OF NATIONAL CALAMITIES:

U. S. America Civil War:

In the darkest hours of the American Civil War the U. S. Senate unanimously carried a Resolution to request the President of the U. S. A. to designate and set apart a day for National Prayer and Humiliation.

President Abraham Lincoln responded as follows:

"Now, therefore, in compliance with the request, and fully concurring in the views of the Senate, I do by this my Proclamation designate, and set apart Thursday, the 30th day of April, 1863, as a day of National humiliation, fasting and prayer."

The Day of Prayer came April 1863. In a little more than two months after, the sky was flooded with decisive victory.

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE SPANISH ARMADA

In 1588 the Spanish Armada sailed forth from Spain—twenty-nine great ships and thousands of sailors and soldiers, to swallow England and wipe Anglo-Saxon civilization off the world. The Armada now lies just off the coast of England, waiting for the dawn of the morrow and the deed will be done; when such a storm as never struck those shores before or since, seized the twenty-nine ships and shivered them to splinters, and the next morning the proud Spanish Armada was but floating wreckage and dead men.

NAPOLEON AT WATERLOO

Napoleon will fight the Battle of Waterloo at six o'clock in the morning and by two o'clock all will be over. And it would have been, for Wellington could not win without Blucher, and Blucher would not arrive until five o'clock. But Napoleon didn't fight the Battle of Waterloo at six o'clock, nor seven, nor eight, nor nine, nor ten, nor eleven. For all the night God sifted His

rain down through the sieve of the trees, and the ground was so soft that Napoleon could not use his artillery, and he could not win the battle without it. And Blucher came at five o'clock—and Napoleon lost.

NAPOLEON AT MOSCOW

Napoleon started for Moscow with a half-million picked soldiers of France. He will have Russia and the world. All of a sudden a snowflake kisses Napoleon's cheek. He laughs and brushes it off. And then a dozen snowflakes. Napoleon laughs again!—but not so loud. And then handfuls of snowflakes, armfuls—avalanches of snowflakes. And the men and horses flounder and rear and plunge and sink and die beneath a mountain of snowflakes, and a half-million French soldiers lie frozen on the plains of Russia—and Napoleon lost. Napoleon said: "God is on the side of the heaviest battalions." Napoleon was right. Only he forgot that God stables His battalions in the skies—and Napoleon lost.

THE LATE GREAT WAR

We have come to the darkest June of the War. Austria and Germany have swept down the Alps to swallow Italy. Just before them lies Venice. Venice is the heart of Italy. To have taken Venice at the time would not only have broken the heart of Italy, but the Central Powers would have easily taken Florence, Rome, Naples, Milan, all Italy. If, at that crucial hour, Italy had fallen, the Allies would have lost. All there was between the Central Powers and victory was the Piave River. The Piave is a slow, sluggish stream that sleeps itself along one hundred and twenty-five miles to sea. The banks are so flat that it is easy to fling over bridges or cross by boats. The Austrians and Germans poured over by the tens of thousands. They took no food, for the granaries of Italy were just ahead. Every soldier carried an empty chest. There were automobile trucks by the score to bring back the loot. They are now within six and one-half miles of Venice. The sky is red with the flames of their victory, and the air is rent with their shouts, when, suddenly out of what had been a dead and dry sky an hour ago, there bursts a Niagara. And in an hour the Piave was a racing, roaring, mad, wide sea, sweeping before it boats, bridges, trees, soldiers—whole battalions of Austrians and Germans were swept to the sea. The invading

soldiers were cut off without supplies, terror seized them, and the Italians captured or killed more than forty thousand of their enemies.

General Foch said, "General Diaz did his best." What would his best have amounted to without God's best? General Diaz recognized this, when sobbing, he said: "Deus fecit"—God did it.

God's remarkable deliverance of our Armies at Mons in the Great War will be remembered by many.

Who sent the rain at Waterloo? And at the Piave? And the snow at Moscow? Job asks a very interesting question: "Hath the rain a father?" (Job 38: 28.) And the Book says: "Jehovah caused it to rain grievously upon the earth." "And Jehovah sent thunder, lightning, and rain." One hundred and two times the Book speaks of God's dealings and doings with the rain—His rain.

Who sent that snow? "He scattered the hoar frost." (Ps. 147: 16.) "He sendeth the snow." Hath the snow a father? "He sayeth to the snow, Come bury the earth." "He sendeth fire, hail and snow." "Rain cometh down, and snow from heaven." God unlatches the door of the skies and the earth is buried.

My first thought was to use this material in the December semi-annual "Letter." Then Something said "do it now," and it became perfectly plain that it was a message for the hour and the "EXTRA—SPECIAL" was prepared and sent out to some 10,000 of our members here in the States. Many copies went to friends in other lands. The interest this aroused and the marvelous co-operation which followed the release of this special message both in the States and abroad was beyond our fondest imaginings.

"THE LORD GAVE THE WORD: GREAT WAS THE COMPANY OF THOSE THAT PUBLISHED IT"

The few letters submitted herewith give some faint idea of the interest aroused and the marvelous co-operation which followed the release of this special message, both in the States and abroad. A copy of the "Letter" was sent to their Majesties King George and Queen Elizabeth and to Prime Minister Churchill, each with a personal note further emphasizing that America was

praying for and with the British people. It was this, doubtless, to which Lord Halifax referred on July 22nd in his historic radio address, when he said, "We take heart from the certain knowledge that that great people (United States) are praying for our victory."

Several Christian Weeklies in the States lent their support to getting the "Call" before their readers; a very great number were reached in this way. The two great London Christian Papers, *The Life of Faith* and *The Christian,* both called the attention of their readers to the message contained in the "EXTRA." "In view of the grave International situation, Dr. and Mrs. Henry M. Woods, Atlantic City, New Jersey, have issued a special call to Christian people in America to unite in prayer for Europe, and especially for the Church of Christ. The 'Letter' quotes many letters from members of The World Wide Revival Prayer Movement, expressing gratitude for the lead it gives in directing prayer for revival and other great needs. It is encouraging to know that this wide circle of intercessors is joining with us in prayer for Britain."

Miss Ruth Paxson, from Bellingham, Washington.—"Your last 'Letter' ('EXTRA') on World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement has just reached me. It is excellent and timely. At the Conference at 'The Firs,' in Bellingham, Washington, July 16th to 25th, I have four of the prayer hours, and I am taking the theme of Revival. The first hour is prayer for the nations, taking up the subject along the line of your letter. There will be a good number of missionaries and ministers there. I would love to have copies of this 'Letter' to give out to selected ones. If not, could you send me three or four that I could post up so that everyone could read them? I would have to have them by July 16th to do the most good."

A VOICE FROM CANADA

Mrs. W. R. Cantelon, Speddon, Canada.—"After prayer for guidance, we have decided to write the Moderator of our United Church of Canada asking that he bring this matter of a Day of Prayer of asking with humiliation, before each minister in Canada (of his Church or outside, as he thinks) in the way you have urged in your 'Special' letter, that each minister secure signatures

of those in his congregation, and send the request forward to the Premier of Canada, Mackenzie King. Could you send me twenty or twenty-five copies of your 'special letter'? I feel this matter must be brought before our Canadian people. Thanking you again."

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

AUGUST 17, 1940.

DEAR MR. & MRS. B., CLEVELAND, OHIO.

"Your letter of the 13th has just reached me. There has been some discussion of setting aside a day for prayer and observance due to world conditions, but up to this time the President has not seen fit to act. I shall be glad to take advantage of the first opportunity to pass your plea on to proper officials. With assurances I am pleased to hear from you always.

(Signed) "FRANCES P. BOLTON."

Friend, New York.—"Thank you very much for sending me your leaflet from time to time. In the last one you requested that I write to our President and also to our Congressman, which I did at once, requesting that our President set a day of prayer for our nation. I got twenty-two signatures, all people of prayer, and the letters were sent to Washington. I also sent the letter requesting others to write, and I believe they did. I was happy yesterday to see by our daily paper that Mr. Roosevelt has set September 8th as a day of prayer. We need to pray much that God will speak to people and bring them to repentance at this time of great crisis for our beloved country. May God richly bless you in the work you are doing, and answer prayer for a revival that will sweep over the world before the coming of our Lord."

THE GREATEST MISSION IN THE WORLD IS SUBMISSION

Rev. William Taylor, China Inland Mission, Chefoo, China. —"Thank you very much for your good letter of November 1, 1939, only at hand here on January 25, 1940! Mails are slower these days, but thank God for many letters that do come to us, though delayed. Since your letter came I have been specially praying about your radio ministry, and even though this prayer has been late, we have the promise, 'Before they call I will answer.' Your words as to this radio work and your attitude of submission remind me of something Hudson Taylor said or wrote years ago (you may know it)—'In prayer I am less concerned to obtain what I seek than through prayer to get to know what the will of the Lord is.' How this thought comes out in our Lord's first recorded prayer in Matthew 11, a prayer prayed in a time of rejection and apparent failure, as verse 20 shows. 'The greatest mission in the world is [not the C. M. S. or the C. I. M.] but submission.' The conflict out here has been and is intense, but God is wonderfully blessing, and all over China the doors are wide open for evangelism, and many are turning to the Lord. He is always wiser than we are and is more concerned for the work than we are—it is HIS, not ours! Thank you too for the text, Matthew 6: 6—secret prayer is more important, I judge, than our prayer meetings. The Lord teach us, and keep us faithful!"

CHAPTER XVI

INDEPENDENCE DAY—JULY 4TH

As an afterthought to the "EXTRA" and at the "eleventh hour" (June 24) we approached several Editors of Christian Weeklies, each having an extensive circulation, asking that a Call to Prayer be inserted for July 4th, our INDEPENDENCE DAY. France had just forfeited her freedom and later the papers stated that on July 14th, their INDEPENDENCE DAY, the Churches of that land were filled with sorrowing people who with tear-drenched faces waited His comforting touch. All of the Editors approached responded most cordially. Dr. McElroy *(Christian Observer)* and Dr. Shuman *(Alliance Weekly)* wrote to say that "Copy" was already in the hands of the printer, but sufficient would be recalled to insert the notice. Dr. Bradbury, Editor *Watchman Examiner,* and Rev. Carl McIntire, Editor *Christian Beacon,* both gave considerable space to this special appeal. Several hundred thousands of people were reached in the way indicated.

AN INDICATION OF WHAT HAPPENED

We also wrote to many personal friends interested in Revival and the world crisis. Among others, Dr. R. V. Edman, President of Wheaton College. Professor W. H. Wrighton (University of Georgia), who was at the time delivering a series of addresses to the student body, reported as follows: "The Lord used your prayer call in a blessed way here. On July 4th, at 10 A. M., a meeting of intercession was called and was crowded to the doors with towns-folk, faculty, and others. Rarely, if ever, have I attended such a mighty service of prayer, 'When God came down our souls to greet and glory crowned the Mercy-seat.' Truly the events of the days since then show that the Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge. . . . Victories in the Gospel, a bright case of conversion among the students, and the prayer-revival sweeping through many hearts is the greatest victory of all. May you go on from strength to strength in this age that is on all other ages telling. A revival now would save the missionary situation throughout the world. Many of the greatest

Societies were founded in time of war. God is not going to suffer defeat and frustration. His Son is the Amen, and He will have the last word in the affairs of this Universe."

EVENTS AS THEY TRANSPIRED

Early in August the President of these United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, issued a call for a National Day of Prayer, September 8th. In order to widen the zone of blessing, we immediately cabled tried and true friends in the following countries —China, Korea, Japan, South America, Africa, India, Australia, New Zealand—to mobilize prayer. To our great joy, King George VI of Great Britain, issued a Call to Prayer to his Dominions on the same day our President had proclaimed for the States, so the whole world was "bound with gold cords about the feet of God."

VENTNOR WOMAN ORIGINATOR OF NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

By Charlotte Johnson

[The Atlantic City Press, September 7, 1940, carried the following on its editorial page.]

President Roosevelt has designated Sunday next as a day of nationwide prayer, asking Americans of every creed and denomination to pray for the establishment of a just and permanent peace among all nations. As future history unfolds the day may find a place on calendars of the nations, and when that time arrives it's more than likely that No. 5 S. Oxford Ave., Ventnor, will find itself embellished with an Historical Society plaque reading—"Birthplace of National Prayer for Peace Day." The Oxford avenue address is the home of Mrs. Henry M. Woods, founder of The World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement, which has spread increasingly throughout the Christian world since its inception in 1924. Last Spring and during the early Summer weeks, thousands of letters were mailed from the Woods' residence, urging those who received them to "write a personal note to the Congressman representing your district to aid in influencing our President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, to appoint a National Day of Prayer." "I am quite sure," Mrs. Woods said yesterday, "that this was responsible for the setting aside of next Sunday, by the President for a day of prayer." The choice of a

September Sunday was both appropriate and impressive. This month marks the anniversary of many "firsts" in the present world crisis, and will no doubt go down in history along with the Ides of March, the September Massacres, Christmas 1776, the first Thanksgiving and many other memorable dates. Describing how the work, culminating successfully in the President's designation of next Sunday as a national prayer day, was begun. Mrs. Woods, stated that World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement bulletins and letters were released Wednesday, June 26, and the following Monday, July 1. "We began to hear from friends of the timeliness of the message," she said, "and as the days passed letters containing assurance that our prayer partners were acting upon the suggestions made, writing to President Roosevelt and their Congressmen, continue to pour in from all parts of the North American continent. Almost every writer requested extra copies to circulate." "As an afterthought we approached several editors of Christian Weeklies," Mrs. Woods added, "and through their help several hundred thousands of persons were reached." Mrs. Woods has done Christian missionary work in many remote parts of the world. She was in Shanghai, China, when the world-wide prayer idea came to her. Something another missionary—a Charles Rankin—had said during a prayer meeting held in the Free Christian Church, on a December Sunday in 1923, gave the prayer revival movement its nucleus. Mrs. Woods and her husband, a co-worker in the cause, have been given widespread recognition for their important work in the missionary field. Both are authors of distinction, having contributed to newspapers and written numerous works of the power of prayer. Mrs. Woods has recently published an autobiographical account of the World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement under the title *Revival in Romance and Realism.*

HOW PRESIDENT WAS ENLISTED TO CALL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER TOLD BY SPONSORS OF MOVEMENT

Under the above caption beginning with the words—"The 'inside' story of President Roosevelt's calling for a National Day of Prayer tomorrow in answer to the petitions of Christians in all parts of the United States is told in a letter to the local Friends of Israel Prayer League by Dr. and Mrs. Henry M. Woods,

Atlantic City, N. J., of the World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement and sponsors of the movement for the National Day of Prayer,"—the Editor of the *Arkansas Democrat,* Little Rock, Arkansas, September 7, 1940, very generously gave space for the printing of almost the entire "Letter." This came about through the instrumentality of our good friend, Mrs. David A. Gates, who enlisted the support of Lelia Maude Funston, Editor of the Religious Page.

J. E. Jaderquist, D.D., Bible House of Los Angeles, California.—"Your circular Letter, "EXTRA-SPECIAL" has been received and read with much interest. Reference to your work also appears in periodicals which I have had the opportunity to read recently. It is evident that God has used you to stir many Christians to pray for a revival. I have full sympathy with your efforts. We shall not fail to pray that God will help you to strengthen other saints in the ministry of intercession. We are workers together."

AN INTERNATIONAL BROADCAST

Miss A. M. C. Malcolm, Natal, South Africa.—"The EXTRA-SPECIAL you sent out followed by your letter of August 14th, duly reached me and I need not tell you the joy with which they were received and the thankfulness with which I realized your loving thought and prayerful effort for suffering humanity in this crisis in the world's history. That the friends all over North America acted on your suggestion re Congressman and the President and the happy result that occurred, was indeed a matter of devout thankfulness to Almighty God, and that the same day was chosen (without any collaboration beforehand) by both the President of the United States and the King of Great Britain, as the Day of National Prayer for all their peoples seems to indicate that a Higher Hand was steering and that the King of Kings was leading and directing the mobilization of the Prayer Forces of the World! Judia Ward Howe's noble lines constantly recur to me these days—'Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord, He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored, He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword, His truth is marching on.' "

Rev. James Worboys, Sydney, Australia.—"Your valued letter following your cable to hand. I immediately acknowledged your cable and enclosed some evidence of getting busy on it. (An article published in *Australia Baptist.)* In addition I also prepared a special appeal for publication in the Leading Morning Newspaper. Then the King's proclamation calling for prayer on the same day rendered any further effort on my part unnecessary. To God be the glory. September 8, 1940, will go on record as the greatest Prayer Day in History. Never before have the two great Democracies—Britain and America—bowed together before the Throne of God on the same day and for the same purpose—Britain includes Australia. Never before were so many millions of people joined in a concert of prayer. Other people besides Britons and Americans also joined in. We thank God for you and your Movement. You were the instruments in God's hand for this mighty achievement. God bless you. How wonderfully prayer is being answered. God speed the day when 'wars shall cease.' Hebrews 12: 3 is a great scripture for these days."

From Miss Helena Garratt, South Africa Evangelistic Band, we have this response.—"Thank you very much for so kindly sending us a cable asking us to unite in the Day of Prayer which President Roosevelt has asked for on September 8th. You will see by enclosed that we asked all our Christian friends and leaders of Christian work to join in this day of prayer. We have sent out at least 14,000 of these letters."

Miss Mary Leaman, Shanghai.—"We are rejoicing over the appointment of September 8th as a Day of Prayer. May the Lord teach us how to pray during the intervening days. How precious it is that the King of England appointed the same day. Preparations are being made in Shanghai for gatherings for Prayer. This is the Lord's appointed way of giving us blessing. He has told us to ask, and has promised that when we ask we shall receive."

Mr. F. Kehl, Calcutta.—"Re National Day of Prayer—Your cablegram reached me on Sunday, August eighteenth, and was published in *The Statesman* on Wednesday, the twenty-first, as per cutting enclosed. This paper has a circulation of over 100,000 copies, and appeals for insertion were made to all the leading Dailies in India, viz., Bombay, *The Times of India;* Allahabad, *The Pioneer;* Colombo, *The Ceylon Times;* Madras, *The Madras*

Mail; Lahore, *The Civil and Military Gazette.* It may be expected that the total number of readers of your message will have reached the grand total of 250,000 in India. The wonder is that my visit induced the Editor *(Statesman)* to publish your cable in a most authenticated wording, in which we see the Divine Hand controlling and overruling everything. What thrills one is the fact that the two English-speaking nations, Europe and the U. S. A., have both chosen September 8th as the Day of National Prayer. Faith's vision is that: 'War can be stopped by Prayer.' It is a bold challenge that voices the call of God to professing Christendom the world-wide, but mostly to the Household of Faith which makes up the Royal Prayer Force of the Royal Priesthood, which service is without interruption, as Rev. Guy King has aptly remarked, 'to get God's will done on this earth of ever-increasing lawlessness.' Rejoicing with you in the fellowship of 1 Corinthians 1: 8, 9, in His eternal bonds."

Different parts of South America and China was also heard from. The reason that there was no response from Japan and Korea is obvious.

When Elijah's brook in the wilderness dried up it did not mean that God had forgotten His prophet. On the contrary, it meant that He had something better for him. It is always so for those who have placed their trust in Him. In the times through which we are passing many are finding that their brooks are running dry. But we need not lose hope. We may have come to the end of our resources, but the resources of God are inexhaustible, and perhaps what now seems to us a grievous misfortune is the only way that He could make us see the better things He has in store for us.—*Selected.*

INTERCESSION FOR OUR SOLDIERS

Saviour, to Whom none ever called in vain,
To Thee we pray ;
Grant to our loved ones Thy protective care
By night and day;
When dangers lurk, midst battle's raging din,
O! be Thou nigh, and give them peace within.

When duty calls, where'er their task may lead,
Thou too art there;
Thou dost in Thine embracing, pitying love,
Their peril share.
Grant them true courage, faith which shall not fail;
Thou art our hope, through Thee may they prevail.

In pain and weakness, be their strength and stay,
Thou Son of God;
With bleeding feet the path of sacrifice
Thou too has trod;
Thou knowest, Lord, how great, how sore their need,
Stretch forth Thy quickening, healing hand, we plead.

For all at home, who watch in anxious care,
We too would pray;
Be Thou their comfort, their sustaining power,
Through each dark day;
Till right shall triumph, war and hatred cease,
And man with man shall live in righteous peace.

—E. Josephine Bamford.

CHAPTER XVII

FOR IF THE TRUMPET GIVE AN UNCERTAIN SOUND, WHO SHALL PREPARE HIMSELF TO THE BATTLE

Ethel L. Faust, Dean of Women, Taylor University, Upland, Indiana.—"Since Miss Pankhurst's visit to our campus, I have been wanting to get a letter off to you for your part in making it possible for her to come to us. Our students were delighted with her. She is a charming Englishwoman, and I was especially happy to have our young women know her and hear her message. We hope that it may be possible for us to have another visit from her. We are also looking forward to a visit from you. We trust that this may be next year. I very much want our students to know about your work and the manner in which God has blessed you down through the years as you have trusted Him, especially in getting good literature into the hands of the young people. We have especially appreciated the splendid books which you have sent to our campus. How I wish that you could get such into *army camps,* as well as into colleges and universities. May God continue to bless you in an abundant way. Kindly write me if you should come this way next school year. We shall very much appreciate your prayers that God may keep us true to our tasks and keep our university free from the things that dishonor Him. We sincerely aim that our school shall glorify Him and that we shall train young people in the ways of true Christian living and service."

Dean Faust's "wish" set in motion a train of thought that led to opening correspondence with the Chief of Chaplains of the United States Army. A letter dated June 20, 1941, came by return of post:

"Your letter, dated June 19, 1941, and book [*C. T. Studd*] 'Presentation Copy for the World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement,' has been received at this office. The Chief of Service has noted the fact that you have literature for distribution to those who request it. . . .

". . .A notice concerning your offer will appear in our next

semi-monthly bulletin. This will assure you that your offer will be brought to the attention of every Chaplain in the Army."

War Department, Washington, D. C.—"Gentlemen: Thank you very much for the presentation copy of *C. T. Studd, Cricketer and Pioneer*. I have only had time to scan it briefly, but this has assured me it is well worth the time I expect to take to read it thoroughly. With every good wish, I am, William R. Arnold, Chief of Chaplains."

NOTICE

In Circular Letter No. 229, July 1, 1941, appeared this notice: "RELIGIOUS LITERATURE AVAILABLE: The World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement, 5 South Oxford Avenue, Ventnor, N. J., through Dr. and Mrs. Henry M. Woods, offer to supply Chaplains with religious literature suitable for distribution among the soldiers."

The response to the offer was immediate, coming from Chaplains representing all branches of the service.

TO THE UTTERMOST PARTS

Chaplain J. H. B., Field Artillery, Maryland, July 11, 1941.—"Dear Dr. and Mrs. Woods: Thank you for your assistance with the most helpful literature from the World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement. 25 copies of *The Wonder of the Book* could be mighty profitably used by my men if they would be available to me as suggested in your letter of July 7th. There is no question in my mind but that testimonies will be forthcoming as your splendid efforts go witnessing through the men of the Army to the uttermost parts. With true appreciation for your courtesy and consideration, I am."

Chaplain F. W. S., Arizona, July 9, 1941.—"Dear Dr. and Mrs. Woods: I am beginning my duties as Chaplain on a new flying field. Our present strength is 1,000 men but will be increased in the near future. At present we have no religious literature. I am pleased at your offer and interest in the soldiers of our nation. Please send me such portions of religious literature as you see the need of."

Chaplain W. R. S., North Carolina, July 3, 1941.—"Dear Dr. and Mrs. Woods: According to a recent release from the

Chief of Chaplains Office you have literature available for distribution to soldiers. I would like to have 2,000 copies of same for this command. This is a replacement center and the boys get their first impressions of religion in the Army. I am sure that you can be of real service to the men through this medium."

Chaplain R. C. C., Kansas.—"We would distribute some of your religious literature to our men here as they are hungry for Christ's message."

A GREAT DOOR AND EFFECTUAL IS OPENED

Chaplain F. E. A., Texas, July 7, 1941.—"Dear Dr. and Mrs. Woods: It has come to my attention that you have offered to supply chaplains with religious literature suitable for distribution to soldiers in the various camps. I am hoping that you will have some available for this Camp. It is one of the Replacement Training Center type and has a capacity of about 10,000 men. This type of camp has an almost complete turn-over of population every 13 weeks. This in turn, creates a continuous need for literature of the type that you are so kindly making available. Please accept my thanks for what you are doing for the men in our camps. Let me assure you that anything you can do for the boys will be appreciated very much by them as well as by myself."

Chaplain J. E. C., California, August 4, 1941.—"Dear Christian Friends: I wish to express my appreciation for the books, *C. T. Studd, Cricketer and Pioneer,* and the pamphlets, The *Wonder of the Book* and *Resting in God's Faithfulness.* At the close of my service yesterday a group of the men came to my office and expressed the joy that they found in reading this fine material. I wish that it was possible to get this material in the hands of all my men. I have four ministerial students who are helping me in the religious work of our group. Thanking you again for these books and assuring you of my appreciation for them, I remain."

Chaplain R. S. W., Virginia, August 4, 1941.—"Dear Dr. and Mrs. Henry M. Woods: Greetings in Jesus' Name. We rereived the supply of booklets titled *The Wonder of the Book,* by Dyson Hague. We want to express our sincere appreciation for the booklets as they contain many very interesting truths and Bible facts. They are being distributed among the men and we have

heard many favorable reports about them. Also, we received of you the one dozen copies of *C. T. Studd, Cricketer and Pioneer,* by Norman P. Grubb. These books will be issued out as a regular edition in our Camp Library for the availability of the men. It has proved very interesting to the men already. We thank you for your kindly Christian interest in us, and we pray that God will bless your work and multiply it for His honor and glory."

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Chaplain E. H. S., Kentucky, July 26, 1941.—"Dear Dr. and Mrs. Woods: Received the copies of *C. T. Studd, Cricketer and Pioneer,* also a number of copies of *The Wonder of the Book.* I find the copy *Wonder of the Book* especially helpful in my various Bible Study Groups. Have six large Study Groups with attendance all the way from 74 to 220. For instance—one Bible Study Group has nearly 400 enrolled, but actually 220 in attendance. A second study group has 190 present. A third 180, a fourth 170, and fifth 89, sixth 74. I can use any number of copies of *The Wonder of the Book.* Gave out the few copies you mailed me for circulation in my groups, but I believe I started something. A great many men have been clamoring for copies, but my supply has been exhausted."

Chaplain E. H. S., Armored Force Detachment, Kentucky, August 9, 1941.—"Dear Friends: The 50 additional copies of the book *C. T. Studd* have been received, and are being read by Army men with unusual interest. I know of one conversion thus far, directly resultant from the reading of a copy of this book. I have 25 Companies or some 6,440 men. My Bible Classes are especially deeply interested in this Book, also *The Wonder of the Book.* I can use 500 copies of *The Wonder of the Book* if same are available. Some will be used in Bible Study Groups and as Supplementary Reading for all men interested in the Word."

District Chaplain, Nebraska.—"My dear Dr. and Mrs. Woods: The ten copies of *C. T. Studd, Cricketer and Pioneer* made available to us through your office were received several days ago. I knew as soon as I paged through the book that it would win an enthusiastic reception in the camps. I cannot tell you how grateful we are to receive such literary contributions. We are eager to place books that embody genuine spiritual

worth in our camp libraries. I am confident that this book will be widely read wherever placed among the five thousand men of our twenty-six camps. Thanking you again for what you have already done for us, we remain."

"God never is before His time, and never is behind."

TO VICTORY

There's a call for soldiers true,
  Soldiers with hearts that dare
To gird on their armour for the fray
  And march beneath His care.

Hear the call that is ringing far
  Over the land and sea;
The paths they go to fight the foe
  Lead on to victory.

To victory, to victory
  The brave are marching on at His command;
To win the fight for truth and right,
  They come from every land.

To victory, to victory,
  He'll lead them all the way,
Till wars shall cease and joy and peace
  Shall bring the perfect day.

CAPTAIN H. S. BLACKBURNE (RETIRED) WITH TWO OF HIS NAUTICAL FRIENDS

CHAPTER XVIII

MEN THAT GO DOWN TO THE SEA

That the NAVY was equally appreciative of the offer of literature is evidenced by the letter from the Head of the Chaplains Division:

"NAVY DEPARTMENT,
"BUREAU OF NAVIGATION,
"WASHINGTON, D. C.

"DR. AND MRS. HENRY M. WOODS,
"THE WORLD-WIDE REVIVAL PRAYER MOVEMENT.

"DEAR FRIENDS:

"I have just received your letter of July 31, together with enclosure covering the World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement. I am very happy indeed to furnish you the enclosed list of all Chaplains serving in the U. S. Navy. We are glad to co-operate with you because of our responsibility in connection with the spiritual welfare of thousands of fine American boys and we do this heartily. If we may be at any time of further assistance, I trust you will feel free to call upon us. With every good wish, I am, Cordially yours, R. D. Workman, Captain, Chaplain Corps, U. S. N., Head of Chaplains' Division."

To each of the two hundred or more Chaplains whose names and addresses were so kindly furnished we sent literature. This is not the first time we have made contacts with both the Army and Navy. Before our "Trust Fund" had been so greatly reduced we furnished large grants of the various books to leaders of organized work. Captain H. S. Blackburne, New Zealand, that grand old man of the Marine Service has used these publications for many years past; especially THE WONDER OF THE BOOK has had a marvelous acceptance among the sailors reached through his efforts. The letter following adds to the interest of this ministry. Many libraries on board ship have been supplied with copies of *C. T. Studd.*

THE UNION JACK

Captain E. G. Carre, Commodore, Captain the British India Steam Navigation Co., now retired, but still active in service, Editor of *Living Links* in close touch with the British Navy, furnished us with the names and addresses of a large number of

the Captains of the various vessels under the British Flag. He says—"Thank you very gratefully for yours of the 24th of January with your kind offer to send a copy of *C. T. Studd* to the 125 ships on which our members afloat are serving. This is most generous of you and I am sure that such a gift would be welcomed by each, and with prayer behind these records of the grace of God, they would surely be used of Him in bringing down blessing upon their recipients: so on their behalf I gladly accept, and enclose a corrected list, the full addresses of the men are contained in the list of Members overleaf. What a marvelous work your Movement has been enabled to accomplish under the ordering hand of the Almighty One, and your 'Letter' makes encouraging reading. As I am enabled I shall be glad to be your helper in my audiences with the KING of Kings!"

THE STARS AND STRIPES

The Immanuel Mission to Seamen, San Francisco, California has also secured grants of the booklets. Quoting from a Call to Prayer issued by Mr. Oscar S. Zimmerman, head of the Mission. —"The principal purpose of this meeting will be to pray for the 54 ports of the Immanuel Mission to Seamen and also for a world-wide revival. It will be apparent to all that the Immanuel Mission to Seamen is being greatly used to bring about a world-wide revival by reason of the fact that gospel literature is placed aboard boats in the 54 ports and so disseminated throughout the world in a very real way. Seamen have much leisure and God has an opportunity to speak to them through the printed word in a very real way. The 107th Psalm definitely states that seamen see God's wonders in the deep and call unto Him and He delivers them."

A GREAT BAND WHOSE HEARTS GOD HAS TOUCHED

A letter dated ———— which, has just reached us not only gives further proof of the acceptibility of the books, but is also a very forceful indication of the way the Holy Spirit has touched the hearts of a great band to spread the spirit of revival.

"My Dear Mrs. Woods:

"I and my daughter Ruth have been in this lovely quiet spot since July, 1940. We have an invalid niece and her Nurse, all of

us 'evacuated from homes in Danger Zones.' God has been very gracious. Now I want you to read two letters enclosed and to tell you how much I value your gift of Dr. Dolman's book, *Simple Talks on the Holy Spirit.* I was so distressed to hear many copies were destroyed by enemy action on Paternoster Buildings. I had sent name and address of about 130 who I was sure would derive benefit and have had most grateful appreciation of your generous gift. Then I sent a copy to Capt. Geoffrey Buxton, who is working in 'Officers Christian Union,' especially among Royal Air Force and he was in communication with Mr. F. Marshall as to obtaining many copies to distribute where Revival work seemed begun in R. A. F. work. I told Mr. Frederick Marshall I felt sure (if he and I agreed) you would wish this done. Of course, your kindness saves us all trouble and expense in these days of high postage and for work. I thank you. I am now 86, though I don't look it; but lead a very quiet life and sit out in our little garden, but don't walk much in these hilly roads. I hope you will answer this and tell me how you are. Yours affectionately, M. A. E. Backhouse."

One of the letters referred to is from the Rev. W. Wilson Cash, General Secretary to Church Missionary Society, Salsbury Square, London.—"Dear Mrs. Backhouse. Thank you for your kind letter. I delayed in answering it until the book referred to had reached me. I have now received a copy of it from the publishers, Marshall, Morgan and Scott and am writing to them to see how we can co-operate in getting copies of it into the hands of missionaries. Many thanks for letting me know about this."

An extract from Mr. Marshall's letter showing his reaction to the proposal, despite personal reference, seems needed to complete the above. "Dear Mrs. Backhouse: Thank you for your letter. I recently sent Dr. Cash a copy of *Simple Talks on the Holy Spirit* and the matter of its circulation amongst the Church Missionary Society Missionaries is under consideration by him. Thank you so much for writing me on the matter. I have from the first taken a great interest in the work in which Mrs. Woods is engaged and has so successfully carried on for so long. Her great unselfishness and untiring spirit are a source of admiration to many."

All of the books, 6,000 copies destroyed by enemy action, were promptly reprinted and the distribution has gone on with little interruption.

An opportunity which has given a maximum of satisfaction is that of the gracious enabling to furnish such literature to our friends across the Atlantic during this long-drawn-out period of sore pressure from the principalities and powers, "wicked spirits" working through "flesh and blood."

FOR GOOD MEASURE PRESSED DOWN AND RUNNING OVER

"One of the books that has thrilled me most was *The Half Can Never Be Told,* and how I wish that I could have about a dozen to pass on to friends who are leaders in the Christian Church. Some of us are praying for a World-Wide Revival, and may it come soon! During one of the most concentrated Air Raids we have had in this country, I was able to speak to a large number of people about trusting in God, and the effect was surprising, the wonderful calm which followed, in spite of the fact that a fairly large High Explosive Bomb had gone off only a few yards from one end of the Shelter."

AN ARMY SCRIPTURE READER

"It will interest you to know I am 'An Army Scripture Reader,' visiting the soldiers at Halifax, and also visit the R. A. F. men, and many have been blessed. Yet I felt the lack of the pouring out of the Holy Spirit and thank God the book, *Simple Talks on the Holy Spirit,* has shown to me by the Spirit my faults and weakness, and praise God for the outlook of a useful future in leading, I trust, many of the soldiers to the Lord Jesus. I have prayed and do pray daily for you and the wonderful work you are enabled to do. God bless you both. May His richest blessing rest upon you and the work."

REVIVAL

Revive Me (Ps. 138: 7)

My love is cold, my faith is small,
My zeal is lacking, doubts appal—
My footsteps falter, oft I stray,
And weakness marks me for its prey—
God of Revival, hear my plea
Empower, endue, revive e'en me.

Revive Us (Ps. 85: 6)

With all Thine own in Jesus' name,
We would confess our common shame—
And humbly bow, before Thy face—
To seek Thy pardoning, cleansing grace—
God of Revival, God of love,
Refresh, revive us from above.

Revive Thy Work (Hab. 3: 2)

Thy workers' hearts are filled with dread,
Thy lost are left, Thy sheep unfed
Thine enemies Thy work defy,
And things are weak, ready to die.
God of Revival, now we pray—
Visit Thy work in this our day.

They Shall Revive (Hos. 14: 7)

Oh, for Thy Spirit's quickening breath!
Reviving from the sleep of death—
Oh, for Thy mighty ancient power!
Arousing us this very hour.
God of Revival, Thee we praise—
For signs of blessing in our days.

"BEHOLD, THE DAY COMETH, THAT SHALL BURN AS AN OVEN"

"Perhaps some child of God as he stands gazing at the world's endless stretch of gloden corn, says with a sigh, 'Yes, it is great, and the reapers are few, and what is not harvested will perish, I know.' But when so little has been reaped during eleven hours of sunshine, what hope is there of doing anything in the twilight hour? Nothing but a miracle like Pentecost, multiplied a hundred times, could touch it. That, I am convinced, is exactly what God intends to do. 'In the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh . . . and your young men shall see visions . . . and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit.' We may expect the same fire to fall not in Jerusalem alone, but on every continent and every mission field, burning up religious snobbery and selfish ease and worldly ambitions, and equipping an army of Christ-captivated men and women to go into the highways and byways and compel the wanderers to come in. Pessimism in a soldier of Jesus Christ is nothing short of base unbelief. The Spirit of God is moving on the face of the waters, for the accomplishment of His will on earth. 'This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world; for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.' But the final and greatest engagement with the enemy for the planting of Christ's standard in every corner of the globe is not going to be accomplished without sacrifice. Yet, if our blessed Lord to save our souls from death, 'steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem' knowing what awaited Him there, shall we flinch at the cost of following? God forbid! Rather let us once and for ever present our bodies a living sacrifice to God, then, with anointed eyes and a heart aflame, take up the sickle and reap till our little day is done. There is no time to lose, 'for the night cometh, when no man can work.' "—*Eva Stuart Watt, Missionary and Author.*

CHAPTER XIX

MIRACLES IN BLACK

"My own soul has been definitely refreshed and inspired with added hope and expectation for a genuine Holy Ghost Revival. This record of manifestations of His power more nearly approaches the objective, God-given, of the World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement, a greater demonstration of power from on high, world-wide, than anything we know of." It truly seems like an "earnest" of the vision given many years ago. With the kind permission of the Author, Rev. John C. Wengatz, missionary to Africa, and the publishers, Fleming H. Revell Company, New York, one chapter, much deleted of necessity because of limited space, is herewith given.

A BLOODY REVOLT

"A Cannibal tribe only a few miles from us—just across the Quanza River from our territory—could not understand the exactions of the Government in requiring obedience to the law, payments of taxes, demanding that hands be furnished by the chiefs for local work, such as roads, buildings, etc. Also their old custom of killing by means of the poison drink had been outlawed by the Government. . . . One day after much drinking of palm wine, the chiefs consulted a medicine man of great repute as to what this white man's intrusion would come to. . . . He advised the chiefs and they allowed him to stir up the fearful and unsettled minds of the common people. . . . One day there was a great convocation of petty chiefs at the palaver court of the big chief. The subject of discussion was the white man and his strange customs. . . . And, indeed, what should they do with those who ought to be eaten? The old chief listened patiently for a long time, then called out loudly, 'Listen to me, my chief! When the next moon comes out of the sea and stands full straight over our heads at the first cock-crowing in the early morning, then let every Libolo strike. . . . Every white man must go into the cooking-pot and be eaten, every half-caste must be eaten." Every man and woman watched the moon . . . day after day, till at the first cock-crowing it stood straight above their heads.

Then suddenly the still air of the night was rent and shattered by the beating of tom-toms. Men shouted the war-cry, and soon the whole village had worked themselves into a frenzy. A great unrest was felt among the natives on our side. We spent much time in prayer. We remembered our call to service there. We remembered the precious promise coupled with the commission, 'Lo, I am with you, even unto' the savage Libolo revolt. We simply did not know what might happen next among the heathen. . . . To them there was no difference between government officials, traders, missionaries. One day, a man hurrying by said that he was hurrying home to his people to tell them to get into hiding or to escape. . . . In a half-hour we had our schools cleaned out. Then the question came, 'What shall we do? Shall we flee?' We said, 'No, we must abide at our posts.' We would rather be dead missionaries, than be cowardly ones. Then we went to prayer. We examined ourselves as we never had examined ourselves before.

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

"We remained in prayer throughout the night, and now I know that when one thinks there may be only a matter of three hours between his neck and the cooking-pot he prays in a very different way. As we faced the daylight on the next morning, we certainly expected to see the great hordes of cannibals coming out of the bush at us, but we failed to see them. We searched the Word for His promises, and never before did we see so many; they stood out like bold-type print. For two weeks we remained in prayer and fasting, and for two solid weeks the Libolos were unable to cross the river. At the end of the second week the messengers came and brought us word that the whole great horde of cannibals, possibly twelve to fifteen thousand of them, had gone into a big squabble among themselves and were disbanding and going to their huts. Eighteen months later I looked out from my house and saw three men sitting out by the gate of the compound. I called and asked them what they wanted, and I saw that one of them was a chief and that he was marked with the tribal mark of the Libolo. He came part way across the compound and stooped low to the ground and bowed over and clapped his hands together, greeting me according to the custom of that tribe. He did not greet me like a chief, but rather as a

slave his master. I asked him what he wanted. . . . He said, 'Teacher, yesterday all the chiefs of my tribe held court, and we took counsel and said to one another, "Why do we live like we do? We eat one another; we sleep in the same little dingy grass huts with our goats, pigs, dogs and chickens. Now let us send over to the white teacher across the river and bring us a teacher from the school there to teach to us the things that they teach. We don't know anything about these things." And then on Sunday we have gone over and in their church the world comes together and they sing from a book. They say they are worshiping the Great Spirit Nzambi. Then they get down on their knees and they say they are praying to the great Father. . . . And they say the Great Father hears them. Now let us choose a man and send him over to bring us a teacher, so that we, too, may know these things and not live like our ancestors have lived.' And at that the old chief sat down on the stone at my feet. I was a bit puzzled. I could not understand why, so shortly after they had sought our flesh and blood, they should want a teacher to teach them the way of salvation. BUT I LEARNED LATER THAT OUR CHRISTIAN PEOPLE HAD SPENT MANY NIGHTS AND DAYS IN PRAYER FOR THAT SAVAGE TRIBE THAT THEY MIGHT CEASE THEIR MAN-EATING AND WILD LIFE AND FIND THE TRUE WAY OF LIFE AND LIVE FOR GOD. . . . I told the chief to go back to his tribe and give them my promise that whenever the money to support such a worker came from the homeland I would send him word about it, and he might come and get his teacher. He thought a moment, and sat down on the stone again. I told him to go back to his people and give them my message. He said, 'No, white man. They told me not to come back unless they could see the face of a teacher with me.' I tried to explain that it might be six months before the answer would come. He seemed a bit disturbed at that, but finally said that whenever the answer came I should look at that stone and I would find him sitting there. I was forced to wheel him about and start him back to his people without his teacher. Today we have several churches and schools dotted around among the people of that tribe, and a great many more are open and begging for more teachers and preachers. Africa is changing. She has awakened from her sleep, and is challenging the Christian Church of Christian America to meet

her on a common ground with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Shall we accept or reject the challenge?"

"Can we, whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,
Can we to men benighted,
The lamp of life deny?

"Salvation! O salvation!
The joyful sound proclaim,
Till earth's remotest nation
Has learned Messiah's Name."

SACRIFICE

"Wherever you ripe fields behold,
Waving to God their sheaves of gold,
Be sure some corn of wheat has died,
Some soul has there been crucified;
Someone has suffered, wept, and prayed
And fought hell's legions undismayed."
—*Booth-Clibborn.*

"The world is waiting for those who will stand unflinchingly by what they believe, and live by their faith in what God can do and wants to do through them."—*Montague Goodman.*

"Abraham's faith reached its perfect assurance when it was left to God to fulfil HIS PROMISE by sheer omnipotence." (Romans 4: 16-20.)

"DO IT YOURSELF"

A missionary leader states that while on a speaking tour in India, he learned of a great work of blessing and salvation in another part of India. He states that he has always found such movements to have originated in special prayer, and usually with some one person. It took time to trace the movement to its center and there found a missionary spending some seven hours a day in prayer. The intercessor was asked to give him advice as to how he could enlist a body of intercessors. He simply smiled and said, "I have tried that way without success, the only way to get other people to pray is to *do it yourself.*" His colleagues, if it be John Hyde, testify they fully believe that over a hundred thousand people were saved in the Punjab District alone in India as a result of his prayers. Reader, if you believe in this holy and fruitful ministry and believe it should be generaly carried on, *"do it yourself."*

CHAPTER XX

PREPARING THE WAY OF THE LORD

Professor William H. Wrighton, University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.—"Dear Dr. and Mrs. Woods: I have been greatly interested in your June letter concerning the goings of our God throughout the earth. We are earnestly praying with you for a world-wide spiritual awakening, and we are deeply grateful to God for the way He is using you in preparing the way of the Lord before Him. Satan knoweth that his time is short, and he is carrying on his own blitzkrieg with awful spite and vicious cunning. We can only triumph over him by being strong in the Lord and in the power of that might which overthrows principalities and power in the resurrection of Christ."

Edwin S. Johnson, Mission Covenant Church, Oakland, California.—Thank you for your many prayer letters which have come from time to time. I treasure them and the inspiration they bring. I often read them to our prayer meeting. God is using this means to stir Christians throughout the world. I had the privilege of ministering with Pastor Dolman at a college student's Bible retreat at Mt. Herman last Easter. I would like to have a couple of copies of his book on the Holy Spirit if possible. I want to pass them around among my young people. You are remembered in prayer by many on the Pacific Coast."

Pastor, Canada.—"I have been greatly blessed by reading *C. T. Studd,* of which I received a presentation copy from you last year when I was a Senior at Princeton Seminary. It has meant so much to me that I am sending my copy on to keep it circulating among my fellow ministers. I would like to see our whole Synod reached in this way. Because we have felt that our spiritual life is at a low ebb we are having a Synod Conference soon, and I was wondering if it would be possible to have some copies of *C. T. Studd* for this occasion. There are twenty-seven ministers on the Roll of Synod. I would greatly appreciate hearing from you. Thanking you."

Dr. Harvey Farmer, Founder North Africa Mission.—"Do please accept my best thanks for so generously sending me a copy

of Dr. D. H. Dolman's *Simple Talks on the Holy Spirit,* which is now being read with deep enjoyment and spiritual refreshment. May the Lord wonderfully help you in your God-honoring and God-honored work for His glory."

Rev. J. Russell Howden, St. Andrew's Rectory, London.—"Thank you for your *'Extra-Special'* Letter. It is good to know that so much prayer is being evoked not only on our behalf, but on behalf of the whole world. May the Lord continue to enable you for this ministry. You will be sorry to hear that our Church and Rectory have alike suffered through the aid raids which we are nightly enduring, but I am thankful to say that we personally have been kept in safety. God bless you."

Attorney James E. Bennet, New York City.—"Certainly there is nothing which has more power than the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man. Our Father is able to do so much more than we can ask or think, and the pity is that we do not take more things to Him in prayer and in faith. You are to be very heartily commended for your efforts to stir up the prayer-sensibilities of Christians."

Dr. H. A. Ironside, Moody Memorial Church, Chicago, Illinois.—"Your prayer letter was duly received and I rejoice in the evidence that God is giving of the way His Spirit is working in the hearts of His people, stirring them up to prayer. We are counting upon a united prayer meeting in the Moody Church on the afternoon of the 8th, and we are looking to the Lord to come in in mighty power and in some way bring this dreadful conflict to an end, and that in a righteous way."

Pastor Eugene C. Comfort, Bowling Green, Ky.—I have never written you before, but I am sure you and your good wife will be interested in knowing that our noonday prayer meeting which will be eight years old the 11th of this coming December was started through inspiration received from the booklet sent me by you in 1933. On the first day we had but five present. We seldom any week average now less than thirty daily and the daily average has run up to sixty some weeks. We allow no preachin but just an old-fashioned prayer meeting. It has been the very soul of the work of our Church. May the precious Lord use you more and more in these days of apostasy for *His* glory.

Rev. Robert Hall Glover, M.D., Home Director for North America, China Inland Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.—"I hope that you and Dr. Woods are keeping well and having ever fresh evidence of the Lord's blessing upon your faithful efforts to promote prayer for world-wide revival. Even though I have not written you on receipt of your periodic circulars, I want you to know that I always appreciate them and that I and our Mission Circle share actively with you in prayer and effort for the cause you are sponsoring."

Dr. T. A. Lambie, M.D., Field Director Sudan Interior Mission, Sudan, Africa.—"Keep on with your noble prayer ministry. It will pay big dividends in the future as in the past."

John W. Bradbury, D.D., Editor *The Watchman-Examiner*, New York.—"Dr. Laws passed over to me your letter and accompanying announcement, because such things are under my direction now. Let me assure you that it will be with a sincere joy that we will co-operate with your World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement. This is an objective with which I have strong personal sympathy. It is the world's greatest need. I have heard of your great interest in world evangelization and thank God for you. I pray always that your ministry may increase and abound, and that God will guide you to a great success."

I may add that both Drs. Law and Bradbury have lent most cordial co-operation to this work and not infrequently we are pleasantly surprised to find mention made of the work in the columns of *The Watchman-Examiner.*

"There's a sound upon the waters, there's a murmur in the air,
And a wave of coming glory moves my soul;
There's a sign of a revival; all ye saints prepare for war
For the hosts of God are marching to the goal."

SPIRIT INDICTED LEADERSHIP

Rev. Ezra S. Gerig, Portland, Oregon.—"Beloved Friends: *'It is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void thy law'* (Psalm 119: 126). I received your recent 'Prayer Letter,' and we rejoice in the splendid response God is giving to your fine prayer ministry. I have followed your work with a great deal

of interest for years, and praise God for your Spirit-indicted leadership in the stimulating of prayer for revival. For years the burden of our prayer has been that of the prophet Habakkuk, chapter 3, verse 2. The desperate world situation is a challenge to the faith of God's people. We are living in the very ebb tide of spiritual life and power, and in answer to prayer, I believe, we shall experience very soon a mighty incoming tide of revival power to bring God back into His place among men. Our nation needs a new consciousness of God, and this can be accomplished only by a mighty movement of the Holy Spirit in revival fashion. To this end we are praying with you. May God bless you in your fruitful and far-reaching ministry. Yours in God's faithfulness."

John S. Bunting, D.D., Church of the Ascension, St. Louis, Mo.—"I received the copy of *The Life of C. T. Studd* or, as he has been so famously known, 'C. T.' I don't recall when I have ever read a life that has so gripped me and so profoundly moved me as the story of this giant of Christ. What he did and how he lived makes the most earnest of us feel that we are dealing with great things, and we are. Further along, it will be a pleasure to make some contribution to this man's wonderful influence in my modest way. I very much want two more copies for gifts to friends."

Episcopal Rector, Mass.—I can never thank you enough for the little book, *Power From on High.* It stirred me deeply and graciously and powerfully, Alleluia!!! If ever a church needed an awakening it is the one to which I was ordained. Pray that our precious Saviour will use me mightily. Amen.

PSYCHOLOGY VERSUS THE CROSS

This is the age of psychology. Man, in his desire to know, has paused in his scientific inquiries into everything about him, to take a look inside at himself. School teachers are studying the psychology of themselves and of their classes. Business men are mastering the psychology of work and workmen. Politicians and public speakers are doing likewise. Ministers are turning to the study of psychology to increase their efficiency in and out of the pulpit. It is a fundamental principle of the psychology of the public forum that three things be done—the *intellect* of the audience must be appealed to, the *emotions* stirred, and the *will* stimulated to decision or action. But all of this is too often in the realm of the flesh. Action thus secured demands constant stimulus to be maintained. The work of the Holy Spirit upon the spirit of man goes deeper. It is pitched upon a higher plane. "The old creation has no resource for new creation purposes," said the Rev. T. Austin Sparks of England in a recent address at the Bible Institute of Pennsylvania, in describing how God had to bring him to the point of even wishing to die before He could change his ministry, as a teacher and preacher, from the best approved methods of psychology to the simple proclamation of the Word in the power of the Spirit. "The Church is all at sea today in this matter. The criterion is so-called scholarship, but if all the accumulated intellect of the world, at its highest points of development, could be concentrated in one brain it could not achieve a single ray, not the smallest fragment—of divine revelation." The preaching of the Cross (1 Cor. 1: 18) is the real "power of God" for Christian teachers and preachers. The "wisdom of words" may make the Cross "of none effect." We need to have answered in our behalf Paul's prayer "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him."—*Sunday-School Times.*

NOT I, BUT CHRIST

Not where we elect to go,
  But where Jesus leads the way,
There the living waters flow,
  There our darkness turns to day.

Not our self-appointed task
  Will the Lord's approval win,
But the work we did not ask,
  Finished humbly; just for Him.

Not the prayer we long to plead
  When we bend before the Throne,
But the touching deeper need
  Of the Spirit's wordless groan.

Not the gift we proudly lay
  On His altar will He heed,
If our hearts have said Him, Nay,
  When He whispered, "I have need."

Thus we die; and dying live
  In the heavenlies with the Lord;
Thus we serve, and pray, and give,
  Christ Himself our great Reward.

—*M. E. B.*

CHAPTER XXI

AMAZED AT THE FACTS

Mrs. A. A. Kirk, Vice-President Albany (New York) Bible School.—I am giving close attention to *By Way of Remembrance* and am amazed at the facts (not mere statements), inspiration, encouragement and re-inforcement that have gone throughout the world through these simple channels—"Letters!" The offers to translate in other than the English tongue. Am taking note of the already translations! It is like a "Feast of Tabernacles" to go through them again. It was surely an inspired leading, the publishing—the gathering up in Thanksgiving!

Major W. Lindfield Brooks, Burma.—I cannot thank you enough for your kindness in sending me the following three books which came to hand last November, *The Half Can Never Be Told, Calling to Remembrance,* and *By Way of Remembrance,* which I have thoroughly enjoyed reading, and so have others to whom I have lent them. Our minds are enlarged by the wonderful records of the mighty work of the Holy Spirit in so many parts of the world, our hearts swell with thanksgiving, and our whole soul goes out in praise to God, that these grand results are being achieved in our days, in spite of Higher Criticism, "Evolution" and other frantic efforts of the devil to hinder the spreading of the Gospel tidings and the increase of the Kingdom of our Lord. I used the golden material from your books on three occasions when I had the privilege of addressing public meetings, and the wide circle of those who are praying for you all over the world is enlarged by those who are newly praying for you.

Mrs. Flora Escott, India.—"On New Year's Day I gathered our little company of Christian women and told them about your Letters and the great company of God's children who give themselves to prayer. We had a blessed time of prayer with meditation of the Word, and this being the Universal Week of Prayer we are meeting together each morning in our little church from nine to ten. Dear Sister, I cannot put into words just what your messages to me, and then on to others, have meant. Such encouragement, such strength and joy. I praise my Heavenly Father for it. God bless you abundantly in this new year."

SCRIPTURAL TEACHING ABOUT THE HOLY GHOST

J. C. Norton, Roanoke, Va.—"*C. T. Studd* is one of the most inspiring books I have ever read. I am passing it around for others to get its inspiration. Dr. Dolman on the Holy Spirit has been and will continue to be close by. I am teaching a Sunday-school class. Beginning the second quarter, we are planning on leaving the International lessons for a while. We want to study Scriptural teaching about the Holy Spirit. I am planning on drawing freely from Dr. Dolman. I am looking forward to a most profitable study."

Missionary, India.—A little after I wrote the precious book came. All thanks for *Then Remembered They.* I keep seeing appreciations of it in Christian papers. . . . The cry for Revival is going up from many parts of India.

College Leader of Mission Study Class.—"My becoming acquainted with you and your work I count one of the great things in my life. The World Wide Revival for which we pray will begin, I believe, when men first see their privilege of fearlessly speaking God's words and obeying them. Almost everywhere, it seems, the incubus of the church interposes itself between the living Word and the living God and the complete allegiance of men. It may be only in some small detail, but a very small thing can cut off the electric current from heaven."

Southern Pastor.—"Thank you for your letter and booklet, etc. It is marvelous to even think of your globe-encircling enterprise which, under God, is producing such marvelous fruitage. We are praying here for such a revival as has never been experienced in years. Let none be weary in well-doing and we shall surely reap if we faint not."

Miss W. B. Green, Missionary, Japan.—"I have just received your December letter and I wish to express appreciation for the good work you are doing, and for the encouragement we receive through your books and leaflets. Faith truly cometh through hearing and the reports of God's answers to believing prayer stimulates our weak faith to lay hold of the promises and trust the Lord for a revival in this part of His world. Thank you so much for your large share in promoting prayer to this end, so sadly needed among us missionaries in these parts where the need of a mighty outpouring of the Spirit is so great."

BUILD UP A VITAL FAITH

Wesleyan Methodist Minister, Minnesota.—"Hearty greetings in the one Name high above all—*Jesus!* I wish to tell you that of all the missionary books our missionary societies have studied, I believe the *Life of C. T. Studd* has been used the most to build up a vital faith and increase the passion for never-dying souls. We have been so thankful we were able to obtain it. Thank you for the *'Extra-Special.'* Your timely 'Letters' have been so blessed to the uniting of God's children in a great prayer group with the one aim of seeing a gracious revival ere the Lord comes for His own."

Mr. H. Martyn Gooch, General Secretary of The World's Evangelical Alliance, London.—"I must write a line of warm thanks for the interesting booklet you have so kindly sent me, and which I have read with the greatest interest and profit. I note your references to our mutual friend Kennedy Maclean, and I desire to endorse all he said and all you have printed concerning prayer and the World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement. The great cloud of witnesses which your booklet encompass should inspire many and lead to more definite prayer for revival on the Scriptural lines which your great Movement provides for."

PRAYER IN SO MANY CENTERS

Dr. John Macbeath, Author and Pastor, Glasgow.—"I was glad to receive your booklet this morning following upon the earlier publication of the *World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement.* I have read these publications with the greatest interest, and eagerly anticipate the fruit that is bound to follow the efforts you are making to stimulate prayer in so many centers. Your correspondence indicates that you are reaching a very wide area of influence and helpfulness. There is nothing the world needs so much at the present hour as just the revival you have in mind, a revival of the sense of God, the greatness and the urgency of His Kingdom, the coming of which alone can cure the ills that afflict the world. It is a pleasure to recall the days I spent with you in Atlantic City some years ago. I have often in mind and heart the ministry of that time."

MESSAGES OF GOD'S WONDERFUL DEEDS

Rev. G. W. Ridout, Uruguay.—"Your good work in sending out revival literature I have met in many parts of South America where I have held Evangelist Meetings through three years. There is quite a revival interest beginning in Buenos Aires, Argentina, among the Methodists. Would you send books to the lady whose name I give. She is secretary of the Methodist Women's Federation, and is now developing a group prayer meeting throughout the conference. Your booklet, *Calling to Remembrance* and as many more as you may send, will help her as she has little or no literature on revival subjects."

Mrs. Howard Hooker, Ridgelands College, Wimbledon.—"This note comes with warmest greetings and best thanks to you and Dr. Woods for *Calling to Remembrance.* Through Marshall, Morgan & Scott we have received enough copies for all our students and present staff and students. I have had them posted to each, with a note from myself urging their prayerful and careful perusal of the book, and making their determination to have a share in the coming revival. We send renewed warmest thanks to you for making this possible. God is richly blessing us in the College. With cordial remembrance."

Hugo Luck, Poland.—"While yet studying in England, I received your presentation copy, *Hudson Taylor,* which I valued very much. Now I am tutor at the Baptist Theological College in Poland. We have Polish, German, Russian, Bohemian and Ukrain students. Not many, but a few of each. Since our College is self-supporting and there is no money at all for procuring books, I wonder if you could sent me that second wonderful book, *C. T. Studd, Cricketer and Pioneer.* The message of God's wonderful deeds through these men of God is very acceptable in our churches, and I should very much like to tell the story of C. T. Studd to others who otherwise never will hear it. If you have a spare copy and could let me have it, I would be very grateful."

Miss K. MacNab, Missionary to Islam.—"Thanks so much for your June Prayer Bulletin, which was an inspiration to continue in prayer-intercession. And now your December letter is just to hand for which I thank you cordially, and appreciate the splendid work you are doing. We are working together with you in prayer for a world-wide revival, a real spiritual awakening.

IDLE WORDS

I would rather play with the forked lightning, or take in my hands living wires, with their fiery current, than speak a reckless word against any servant of Christ, or idly repeat the slanderous darts which thousands of Christians are hurling on others, to the hurt of their own souls and bodies. You may often wonder, perhaps, why your sickness is not healed, your spirit filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit, or your life blessed and prosperous. It may be that some dart which you have flung with angry voice, or in an hour of thoughtless gossip, is pursuing you on its returning way, as it describes the circle which always brings back to the source from which it came every shaft of bitterness, and every idle and evil word.—*A. Nonymous.*

IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of Love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close-binding all man-kind.

Join hands then, brothers of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to Me.

In Christ now meet both East and West,
In Him meet South and North;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

CHAPTER XXII

REVOLUTION—CHALLENGE

A British Vicar.—"I am sending a few lines to wish you great blessing from God in your labours to disseminate the Truth, and to unite Christians everywhere in believing prayer for World-Wide Revival. It is a pleasure as well as an honor to be associated with you in effort which we beforehand are assured must succeed as it is manifestly in the purpose of our adored Lord. I have greatly profited by the well-chosen books you have distributed. I rejoice that they have been sent out so widely. There are signs of Revival—I trust these are but the pledge of the mighty outpouring for which we wait and work and pray. Wishing the fulfilment of your desires, and all other blessing."

Mr. F. H. Marshall, Publishers, London.—"There seems to be a steadily growing interest in the possibility of real Revival, and also a spirit of expectancy. To us it seems largely the outcome of the foundation work which you have undertaken and which you have carried out so consistently and so thoroughly."

Mr. Maxwell D. Lathrop, Christian Lawyer.—"Your December Letter reached me on Thanksgiving Day, and proved a rich blessing as I read it. As there are two or three ministerial friends to whom I would like to send a copy of your Letter, I am writing to ask if you will please forward additional copies. I want these particularly because of the reference to prayer for Revival on New Year's Day and New Year's Eve. What you say about the *Life of C. T. Studd* particularly interests me."

AWAKE! SLEEPING CHRISTIANS

B. B. Sutcliffe, President Multnomah School of the Bible, Portland, Oregon.—"The article in the *Atlantic City Press* on Saturday, September 7th, should awaken many sleeping Christians to the hitherto untouched resources at their command through prayer. . . . I not only want to congratulate you and join in praise for prayer already answered, but assure you that there could be no greater accomplishment than to stir up Christians everywhere to the vital need and the limitless power of prayer."

Dr. J. D. Eggleston, Hampden-Sydney, Va.—"My copy of Dr. Dolman's *Simple Talks on the Holy Spirit* and the copy you sent to our College Library, are being circulated here in several of the families and in the Ladies Prayer Circles. The truth is, we need additional copies. I do not wish the readers to feel hurried in reading this book as they now do, so that others may have the opportunity to read it. . . . I have recently gotten for our College Library the Biography of *C. T. Studd* by Norman Grubb, and a few days ago I got *After C. T. Studd* by Grubb, and am reading it with very deep interest. I hope to get both of these books into circulation here. God is indeed shaking the world, and this country is, I believe, in for a fearful awakening. The place for God's children is on their knees and looking up!"

Dr. Daniel S. Gage, Professor of Philosophy and Bible, Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri.—"Very few people realize the remarkable truths about the Bible, which are so well presented in this book *The Wonder of the Book.* I have all the members of my Sophomore Bible Class read it, write briefly on it, and it has done wonderful good. I shall always be glad I came across it."

Mrs. E. Loveride, The Manse, Devon, England.—"Somehow I do not remember just how a copy of a letter of yours, dated December 1935, was passed on to me, and I was so interested that I kept it, and have just re-read it. I have never seen any of your books, but would much like to do so, also to be in touch with your work. I do thank God that such is being done. Surely it was never more needed. Praying that God may bless your labors for Him."

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD SHALL PUT HIM TO FLIGHT

R. H. Potts, Billericay, England.—"I am glad to have the opportunity of expressing my thanks for that excellent little book, *Power From On High.* If ever there was a need for a mighty Holy Ghost Revival the time is *now.* As we look around on this 'present evil world,' and see the rising tide of sin, lawlessness, hatred, and godlessness, to say nothing of the appalling indifference that mark so many souls, one feels the force of the prophet's words, 'The enemy comes in like a flood.' Yes, and at times the flood seems so strong that one feels as if it must

carry all before it. But God's Word remains true, for when we see this, then is the assurance, 'The Spirit of the Lord shall put him to flight.' Does it not drive us more and more to this ministry of prayer that God will send a Revival—'like a rushing mighty wind.' May God bless you in all your work for Him."

Capt. R. C. Brown, *S.S. Howra,* Calcutta, India.—"I should like to take this opportunity of thanking you for the copy of *C. T. Studd* which came to hand some little time back in Calcutta. Your kindly interest in those who go down to the sea in ships is much appreciated, and your generous gift is a very pleasant surprise. May this wonderful record of devoted service be an inspiration to each one of us, and may we, too, be faithful witnesses for Him, and shine for Him, in the darkness of this world's sinful night. Will you please accept the enclosed ($20.00) as a small donation towards your great work for the Master. With all good wishes."

A British Vicar.—"I advised an earnest Christian worker in my late parish to apply for a grant and he was delighted to receive several copies of *Power From On High.* One of these he gave to a prominent Free Churchman. He was deeply stirred by it and lent it to his pastor, and he read it and passed it on to another pastor until four pastors had imbibed the teaching of the book. The result was seen at the Week of Prayer, the addresses were more spiritual, the attendance greater and the prayers more direct for the blessing needed. Praying that you both may be preserved to carry on your noble clarion call to the wide world, yours most gratefully."

FAITH IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMES THE WORLD

Says a modern newspaper man, "There are plenty of people to do the possible. You can hire them for fifty dollars a month. The prizes are for those who perform the impossible. If the thing can be done, experience and skill can do it. If a thing cannot be done, only faith can do it."

Mr. and Mrs. F. Howard Taylor, China Inland Mission.—"Please accept our very warm thanks for the beautiful volume you have sent us, which we have found very interesting. From our

hearts, we pray that the blessing of the Lord may rest upon the book, *Revival in Romance and Realism,* wherever it goes."

Mrs. Charles Leonard, Harbin, Manchukuo.—"How can we ever express to you the gratitude of our hearts for the book, *Revival in Romance and Realism!* I was reading it and greatly enjoying it when Mr. Leonard left for a long itinerating trip. I urged him to take it and read it when he needed something to give him courage. He did, and wrote back that no book he had read for a long time so fired in him a desire to give himself more completely to the Lord and learn more about faith."

Mrs. Orr Ewing, London.—"Many thanks for your circular letters you so kindly send me from time to time. It is, I am sure, a great encouragement for all your arduous work, to receive such communications from those who have been helped, and there are indeed very many definite answers to the many prayers for World-Wide Revival. I enclose a contribution for postal expenses, with love in Christ."

CONVERT OF THE REVIVAL IN WALES

DEAR MRS. WOODS:

When your letter came Mr. and Mrs. A—— from Los Angeles, U. S. A., were with us praying after tea. I showed him your letter, etc., and he recognized the name of the first lady mentioned. After hearing some of what he has to say about American religious life.

"It strikes me that Revival along essentially emotional lines is to be discouraged or we shall get a large number of cases of collapse. . . . Then it will mean a very cold blooded fight back to a place of assured serenity in Christ. I do not despise emotion. A religion without emotion would be a dead affair, but the redemption of the emotional life seems one of the deep needs everywhere. If I am not mistaken there has for long been a dead set on the sense life of the race, everywhere has been an appeal to the senses, and (upon religion) undoubtly demons have ridden into the highway of the sense life of God's people through enjoyable meetings, revival campaigns, and sometimes all night "prayer" meetings. It is possible, of course, to be so scared of the counterfeit as to miss the real, but I think that a revival which is shorn of the spectacular, not necessarily and outward and visible landslide of souls "into the Kingdom," something imperceptible but real, unnoticed by the world but genuine and telling on the civil life so as to clean up business irregularities of lying and misrepresentation, short weight and adulteration, inflated prices and unwarrantable profits. A revival that will make Christians Christian in every walk of life, righteous as well as religious, honest outside the meeting as well as happy inside, trust-worthy, transparent, keen and efficient at their jobs, better workers because they are Christians, never saying, "Oh that will do," but doing with all their might whatever their hands find to do and regarding slovenly and slouchy appearances and work as something which salvation alters and taboos. A revival that makes people altogether different inside and out, personally, *privately* and publicly, so that people who look on see something different and respect it and eventually want it, that is the sort of revival I pray for. I am rather tired of the mass production thing that ends with "wasn't the preacher fine, didn't we have a good time" and then living on the tonic of bright singing and psychological fireworks,

walks roughshod over the ordinary laws of right and wrong in ordinary life. I have just heard of a certain principal of a Christian College in England who, *so it is said,* "did a lot of wire pulling to get the job." The brother alluded to, Mr. A., told me of an American 10,000 dollar preacher who came to England a while ago and added some unobtained fictitious "degrees" to his name to carry weight on the posters. The thing is too comtemptible for words. If the motives of the Evangelists are so mixed, how can the deep things be done through such channels. It would seem that a clean-up among the workers is the first thing to work and pray for. . . . In the dead level of truth, the new creation and the working of the Spirit, men and women will need to lose their earthly identification marks, their ranks and degrees, their big i's and little i's and be before God what they are in Christ, where there is neither bond nor free, high or low, rich or poor, educated or ignorant, but Christ is all and in all. Then He can work and does and will."

ONE OF TEN THOUSAND—AND MORE!

For many years we have been in close prayer fellowship with many of God's honored servants. One of these is Evangelist Hyman J. Appleman, a converted Jew, now wholly devoted to preaching the crucified Christ.

Under date of January 27, 1934, he wrote—"You have never heard from me because I am just a humble servant doing a small work for the Lord. You have forwarded to me some of your marvelous books, e. g. *Power from on High* and *By Way of Remembrance.* I am a converted Jew. In all my Christian experience, I have never felt such need of prayer. I beg that you will put me and my work on your prayer list."

December, 1934—"May I beg of you again that you will remember me in your prayers, I feel that unless God will anoint me with power I shall die of sheer soul agony for the multitudes of backslidden, indifferent Christian churches, and the terrific strain of aching and weeping over lost men. Last night with tears streaming down my cheeks I finished reading the wonderful description of the Herrnhut Revival."

August 8, 1940—"Today in the home of a pastor I saw Dr. Dolman's book on the Holy Spirit with your stamp on it. I wonder if I may have a copy. I am sure you continue your prayers for me. The Lord is answering them in mighty Pentecostal fashion."

CHAPTER XXIII

VITAL CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, Pastor, Editor Peloubet's Select Notes on International Lessons, U. S. A.—"I am enclosing stamps, for which I wish you would kindly send me a copy of your new book, which is being distributed, *Calling to Remembrance.* Your books have been a wonderful blessing to my own soul, and I do not know anyone whom God is more wonderfully using in vital Christian literature than you.

Mrs. Evaline D. Green, Secretary Woman's Missionary Society.—"Kindly tell me how much *Then Remembered They* costs? I am wondering about placing one in each of our 41 Woman's Missionary Society conference president's hands to stimulate the prayer life of our organization, especially preceding 'World Day of Prayer.' Also, may I use some portions of it for an article in our church paper on World Day of Prayer?

Minister, Mississippi.—"I have received your Dec. circular 'Letter,' and I note the call for days of prayer on January 1st and 2nd. I would like to have about 50 copies of this letter to mail to pastors and other Christian friends, underscoring in red ink the lines calling for these days of prayer. I am herewith enclosing $1.00 which I trust will cover for letters and carriage. For a long time I have joined with you in daily prayers for a world-wide revival. May the Lord richly bless you in your service for Him."

Rector, Jamaica, B. W. I.—"I appreciate very much your kind and encouraging letter and also the splendid gift of 25 copies of the Student Edition of *The Life of C. T. Studd.* Already some of the copies are on the way to different parts of the Island, for I am issuing 18 copies to members of the Marlborough Prayer Fellowship to be passed on and read by other members, and then to hand over to a school. I have dispatched copies to Kingston College, Mico College, Wolmers School, Hampton School, and Brown Town School. I pray that the reading of such a life may lead to many of our young people offering themselves to God for His service. The good work that the Lord is doing through you will only be manifest when the sheaves are gathered in."

THE LORD IS SURELY WORKING

Dr. Dan Gilbert, Author of *Crucifying Christ in Our College.*—I have read with great interest the book *C. T. Studd, Cricketer and Pioneer,* but did not know to whom I was indebted for the copy. I am heartily in sympathy with the World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement and thank God for it. In my trip across the nation, I heard many fine comments on it."

Dr. Howard Guinness, as from India.—"The book *C. T. Studd,* brought life and a new vision to Dr. D. D. Dasen at a moment when he was searching for it. The book came to him as a direct gift from God. He has charge of the distribution of 750 copies of *C. T. Studd.* Dr. Dasen is Secretary of the Layman's Evangelical Fellowship of South India, which works among graduates, undergraduates, and matriculates in South India. You may be sure that these copies will be put to good use under his direction."

Dr. D. D. Dasen, Madras, India.—"The cases containing the copies of the *Life of C. T. Studd* have arrived. I had the joy of reading through one of the advance copies sent through Mr. Kehl. For weeks I was, as it were, haunted by the central challenge of Studd's life, and the thought of the missionary responsibility hung around my head. The call of the Cross became audible as never before. I feel sure these copies will speak to the hearts and minds of the youth of India. Nothing so remarkable has been attempted before, and God's Spirit working through these volumes may well prove the greatest challenge that has ever been put before Indian students. We are praying that God through this may cause revival to come to this land, that it may please Him, the Lord of the Harvest, to send more laborers into the harvest."

Mrs. E. L. Davis, Missionary Kenya Colony.—We are praying for a revival and though we are not seeing sweeping results yet, many people are coming to the Lord, especially old men who have resisted the Gospel message many years. The Lord is surely working amongst the natives and I would like to see Him work among the missionaries. I was at another Mission Station recently and at our evening prayer meeting, a chapter from your book on the Shanghai Revival was read each evening. Won't you pray for us?"

"AN ABSOLUTE INSPIRATION"

Miss Myra Knowles, Sydney, Australia.—"I'm afraid I just cannot find words to adequately express my appreciation of your kindness in sending me *Calling to Remebrance,* and *The Wonder of the Book.* I have just finished reading the latter and should like to say, out of a heart full of praise to God, that it has been an absolute inspiration to me. I have just received your June 'Letter,' and as usual it has been an inspiration. The way the Lord has used, and is using, the World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement is positively wonderful! May He richly bless you both. I always pray for you. Oh, if only God's children everywhere would serve Him in His way! Since reading your 'Letters' the Lord has greatly burdened me to pray for a Spiritual Revival. I was delighted to read that you are in a position to offer copies of *The Half Can Never Be Told* and would very much appreciate receiving a copy. I am also wondering if you have any gift copies of *Simple Talks on the Holy Spirit?* Four girls (15 years of age) who attend my Inter-School Christian Fellowship Class recently accepted the Lord and I should like to give some little talks on the Holy Spirit, and feel sure this book would prove invaluable to me. Again thanking you most sincerely for your kindness and assuring you of my prayers that the Lord will abundantly bless, strengthen, guide, and direct you both in all that you do for Him."

B. B. Ray Chowdhury, M.D., Scotland.—"I came to know from a friend of mine about your noble gift of a book, *Revival in Romance and Realism,* published and generously distributed by you to Christian workers, evangelists, and missionaries. I being a Hindoo for 33 years had been to the States (Boston, Mass.), for my medical education and was saved there and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. Now the Lord has brought me to the B. T. I. and am taking a course in Bible study preparatory to His service in my mother land (D. V.). I shall be much obliged if you would kindly forward me a copy of the above-mentioned book. Thanking you in anticipation, with Christian greetings, I remain."

ISLANDS OF THE SEA

Missionary, Fiji Islands.—"It is with a very grateful heart that I express to you my very best thanks for the different books you have sent to me. They have indeed been a great blessing to me. It's also been a pleasure to me to lend them to others who have been blessed and led into a higher spiritual life. Two years ago we had a week of special prayer at 7 A. M. with an average attendance of 3 or 4. This year the average was 7 or 8. Praise the Lord for the increase through your books. We have also prayer meetings in private homes and at 6: 30 A. M. Sundays.

Missionary, Leeward Islands.—"I have in a previous letter added my gratitude to that of many hundreds for the copy of the wonderful self-crucified, *Life of C. T. Studd.* I wish to say now that more than thirty persons have read my copy and I know of three voluntary dedications to Christian service, beside more resolved re-dedications. Permit me once again to thank you from the depths of my heart for the publication of *C. T. Studd.* May the abundant blessings of our Lord rest upon you."

Mrs. Ralph Hooper, The Bible Institute of Hawaii.—"Have just received copies of *C. T. Studd.* They were hardly out of their wrappers before they were happily put into the hands of the students, and (while you have heard this over and over again) I once more say, the influence of the reading of that book is like magic. Better still, the Holy Spirit grips the thought and conscience of the reader. By the way, Miss Dorothy Waterhouse, who is so interested, is a graduate of Wheaton College, where the book was used in such a marvelous way. She hopes to go to Africa. I am sending one copy to the Hawaii University, Honolulu."

Bible Teacher, Kansas City Bible College.—"I have just come in contact with a most wonderful book, *C. T. Studd.* I praise God for sending it to me through a student of Columbia Bible College. I teach the Practical Word classes and the Child Evangelism class in the Kansas City Bible College, and I want everyone of these students to read this book. Oh, how it has stirred my soul!"

Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, London.—"The work you are doing seems to me to be of very great value and importance, and I trust continued blessing may rest thereupon."

Roger W. Babson, Statistician.—"I thank you very much for your personal letter with the enclosures. You surely are on the right track. Democracy will not be saved by battleships, bombing-planes, or even gold. Only a spiritual revival will save us, as you have so well said. I wish you both a Happy New Year."

REVIVAL—WHAT WILL IT MEAN?

What will it mean the coming of Revival,
The Spirit's quick'ning breath?
It will mean conflict with the powers of evil,
Resistance unto death.

It will mean this—the Cross henceforth Thy glory—
Tho' the world count it shame;
The telling out to all the wondrous story
Of life in Jesus' Name.

It will mean tithes brought in, and wrongs forgiven
Each earth-weight laid aside;
And "ditches made" to catch the showers from heaven
For which God's saints have cried.

It may mean storm—the skies all black with thunder,
The earth o'erswept by rain;
God's judgments fall, while men stand still and wonder
Why God must work thro' pain.

It may mean fire—Self's idol-priesthood slaying,
God's dross-consuming flame;
It may mean in the dust our treasure laying—
Our love, our joy, our fame.

If it mean this to thee wilt thou, my brother
Draw back and say Him nay?
Or wilt thou "lose thy life" to save another
The Master's call obey?

For with this meaning cometh God's unveiling
Of Christ Himself—the Goal;
The Spirit's working, 'midst all foes assailing,
God-likeness in the soul.

It will mean dew, on the parched lands distilling
At morn and evening hour;
And yielded hearts, for God's will ever willing,
In His great day of power.

It will mean joy—light o'er the hilltops stealing,
As shadows flee away;
The glory of God's love to us revealing
The Hope of coming Day!

J. H. S.

CHAPTER XXIV

EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM GOD: ATTEMPT GREAT THINGS FOR GOD

Letters submitted herewith confirm the statement made regarding the magnificant co-operation and also explain the enabling to carry on with the help of only one Secretary, despite the increasing demands for the literature and the consequent labor this involves.

"Grace Church Rectory,
"Millband, Ontario,
"Sept. 12, 1940.

"Dear Mrs. Woods:

"This evening (10: 25 o'clock) I finished reading your great work, *Revival in Romance and Realism.* I am greatly impressed by its record of what can be done by human beings when they put into practice Carey's thrilling saying, 'Expect great things from God: Attempt great things for God.' I am going to begin a reading circle in my community (and farther afield) of your book. I intend to neatly attach a Page inside and lend it to one person for a start. After she had finished with it, she is to lend it to a person of her choice. The only conditions of loan will be (as stated on the page to be appended in the book) 1. That it is to be read in a month or soon after. 2. That the name and address of the reader is to be added to the list, and 3. That it is to be handed on to another for similar reading. I believe it will deepen the Faith and Prayer Life of others as it has for me.

"Rev. G. W. Moore."

"Chardon, Ohio.

"Dear Ones:

"I am in receipt of a copy of Dr. Dolman's book, *Simple Talks on the Holy Spirit.* May I not pay for another copy for another prayer group and also ask for the book, *Revival in Romance and Realism?* These books are so valuable for the prayer groups springing up in lieu of Gospel preaching where it ought to be found. I am yours for Him.

"Mrs. Murray Wooden."

DUPLICATED THOUSANDS OF TIMES

Mr. David J. Anderson, Berean Radio Committee, Muskegon, Michigan.—"I wish I could fully express what your book on *Hudson Taylor* has meant in my life. It was presented to me as a student at the Moody Bible Institute. It was one of the few books that later went with me to the Mission Field. I have read the copy through three times. It was a blessing to other Missionaries to whom I loaned it as well. It came home with me across the Pacific and just now it is in the hands of an invalid child of God. Rather a wide ministry for a humble volume, isn't it—I'm glad that it was bound so well. One of the missionaries to whom I loaned the book liked it so well that she talked with another about it and learned that you were issuing another Missionary Biography that she could have free by requesting it. She received from you *C. T. Studd*—what a thriller that was! Of course, she loaned it to me. These two books were profitably read and exchanged 12,000 miles or more from the 'home base.' Now I am reading your third—*Simple Talks on the Holy Spirit.* Perhaps you have issued others and I'm sure that my testimony regarding those I received can be duplicated thousands of times by others."

National Hymn Sing Association, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.—"My dear Mrs. Woods: A few days ago a copy of *Simple Talks on the Holy Spirit,* by D. H. Dolman, was handed me to read by a friend who was taking it to Montclair to read to a Bible class, she had to have it back as it was only loaned to her and must be returned. I want you to know that the few hours I had to read its message, it brought me out of uncertainty into a blessed knowledge of the power of the Holy Spirit to guide and control a child of God who understands His Presence in his life. The next day we were entertaining a missionary and his wife from Korea, I spoke of the book and they said, 'Oh, yes, we received a copy as we were leaving Korea and we put it into our luggage to read en route.' Now, Mrs. Woods, may I ask if it is possible for a layman to buy a copy, if so, where? It would be a great blessing to have a copy to loan. Please forgive me, if I am presumptuous in addressing you and do not reply to my request if the book is only for missionaries and others in the foreign field. Yours with gratitude. Most cordially, Mary P. Hunt."

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Friend, Australia.—"We all feel God has graciously raised you and your husband up for this time of need in His church (the world-wide need of revival), to make you His ministers to awaken those who are 'asleep' to the need, and to inspire with renewed faith and zeal those who are the Lord's 'remembrancers' for the mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church in and of every nation, kindred and tongue. 'Faithful is He that calleth you, Who also will do it.' "

Friend, New South Wales, Australia.—"It would indeed be beyond me to speak of the encouragement the revival books have been to us in our work for Christ. Indeed I don't think I am saying too much when I claim that the formation of our 'Young Evangelical Churchman's League,' whose object is to pray for a speedy revival in the Church of Jesus Christ, according to the glorious doctrine of Justification by Faith alone, is the outcome of *Power From On High.* Our membership is growing daily and all long for the promised blessing."

Mrs. May Fagg, Missionary and Author, South Africa.—"We have just had our Friday prayer time and read your letters, for which best thanks, also for the promise of more *Then Remembered They.* We are spending New Year's Day as you suggested. Then came the following from our City Mission Director, a Canadian, over the phone 'I have read every word of *Then Remembered They* and did you notice how our Lord worked His miracles effortless, but His prayer life was agony and tears, sighs and groans. The prayer cost more.' "

Rev. H. H. Pullen, General Director, Spezia Mission, Italy.—"My dear Friends and Fellow-servants: I am grateful to you, that, when you send out to others who are working for God throughout the world, your absorbingly interesting communications, you keep my name on the list of those who receive them. Even in normal times our work is difficult . . . sometimes these difficulties seem almost insuperable, but our story is of the unchanging faithfulness of our God. He of the passage of the Red Sea, of the generous supply of food for the hungry crowd, of the miraculous scene at the tomb of Lazarus, is still 'Lord of all power and work.' "

THE FINANCIAL ANGLE

Sometimes friends get erroneous impressions concerning the financial angle of this work. "I gather from your literature that you do not desire contributions, that such literature should be accepted as a gift. This had led me to write and ask you for such copies of your books as you may feel led to send without enclosing a cheque, as I had at first planned, to cover the same," writes a business man. Let no one think that contributions are *not* welcome, even more, needed. We mention this "by permission" of the Spirit, we believe, for the opportunities are legion and the demands far beyond our ability to meet. To assist Chaplains in the evangelization of the tens of thousands of Army and Navy men, is a marvelous thing and the opportunity should be bought up, therefore, we do not feel that we violate our commission nor that it is contrary to the principles of this work to invite co-operation in this work among the brave defenders of our beloved country, who may soon be facing dangers that we are spared.

Once and once only has the temptation to leave to others the work to which we are so definitely called, that of promoting revival in the Body of Christ. This after a flamboyant outline of a scheme for so-called revival on a wide scale had been received. The interior conversation ran something like this. "The work is difficult and there are others who seem better fitted to accomplish the result aimed at, etc., etc." Like a flash into my mind came the words, "No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of Heaven." My faith or lack of faith was rebuked and the Spirit continued His work. That great Journalist, J. Kennedy McLain, for so many years the Editor of *The Life of Faith,* referred to the work of the World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement as "spade work" and before his death wrote these words, which if true then are a thousand more so today—"I do not think that I am claiming too much when I say that the World-Wide Revival Prayer Movement through the inspired leadership of Dr. and Mrs. Henry M. Woods has contributed in a very large measure to the new spirit that is abroad today. If, at times, they have sown in tears, they are now beginning to reap in joy, and fervently thanking God for every sign for the awakening which is so widely making itself felt."

Prayer is the "spade" that breaks up the fallow ground for the sowing of the good seed till He comes and rain righteousness

upon this earth. The crop is almost ready to be garnered by the Divine Harvester and then millions of souls for whom Christ died will be swept into His kingdom. May each one redeemed by the precious blood of Christ watch carefully that the seed sown is not a mixture that will bring forth tares and wheat. The Word makes a clear "distinction between the holy and common."

"He cannot fail, for He is God!
He cannot fail, He's pledged His Word!
He cannot fail, He'll see me through;
'Tis God with Whom I have to do."

We close this, the last chapter of PREPARING THE WAY, with an extract from an article by J. C. Metcalfe, M. C., in the *Overcomer* (London).

"EMULATIONS"

"The third cause for disunion amongst bodies of Christians which I propose to mention here is that of the possession of too high an estimate of the importance of our own particular Church or organization, and a consequent inability to esteem others better than ourselves. Many of us live in a rut, and wear blinkers. Our way of doing things—our fellowship—our work is all we can see. At the back of our minds, unexpressed, and often unrecognized is the thought that if 'revival' is to come we are the most likely channel for God to use. Other bodies of Christians, we admit, are doing good work—But . . . and it is that 'but' which does all the harm. Galatians 5 classes this competitive spirit as 'emulations,' and tells us that they are to be considered to be just as sinful as 'drunkenness, revellings, and suchlike."

"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." Galatians 6: 14.

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Galatians 2: 20.

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